

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4573
ANSWERED ON 28.03.2023

BACKWARD REGIONS GRANT FUND (BRGF)

4573. SHRI M. SELVARAJ:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the districts included by the Government under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the total funds allocated to the State Governments under the BRGF;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to amend the instructions for inclusion of backward regions of Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL)

- (a): Six districts of Tamil Nadu namely, Cuddalore, Dindigul, Nagapattinam, Sivaganga, Tiruvannamalai and Villupuram were included under the District Component of Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme implemented by Ministry of Panchayati Raj during the period 2006-07 to 2014-15.
- (b): Under the BRGF (District Component) Programme, a total of Rs. 27,638.11 crore were released to various states that includes Rs.632.53 crore for the state of Tamil Nadu.
- (c): No Sir. BRGF programme has been delinked from the budgetary support of the Central Government since 2015-16 consequent upon the implementation of the recommendations of the Fourteenth Finance Commission under which the share of States in the net proceeds of the Union taxes was significantly enhanced from 32% to 42% that allowed the States with greater autonomy for financing and designing the developmental schemes, especially for the backward regions.
- (d): Question does not arise in view of (c) above.
