GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
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BRGF IN KERALA

361. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a)   whether under the centrally sponsored Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF), certain areas have been identified in Kerala especially in districts like Wayanad, Malappuram, Palakkad, Idukki, Kollam, Trivandrum and other parts of the State;

(b)   if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c)   the scheme under the BRGF and award for implementation to Kerala and particularly to the above mentioned districts along with the details of funds released during the last three years and the current year; and

(d)   the status of these schemes and the details of beneficiaries including the method of monitoring adopted in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d) The BRGF (District component) was applicable in 272 identified backward districts in all States of the country except Goa during the period 2006-07 to 2014-15. Consequent upon the implementation of the recommendations of the Fourteenth Finance Commission, share of States in the net proceeds of the Union taxes has been significantly enhanced from 32% to 42% of the Centre's net tax receipts. Hence, BRGF Programme has been delinked from the budgetary support of the Central Government since 2015-16. Therefore, no fund has been released to the State Governments under this Programme during the last three years and the current year.

For monitoring the works/ projects undertaken under the BRGF Programme, MoPR prescribed auditing of Panchayats funds/works. BRGF Guidelines also provided for audit of works through a Review Committee at District Level and Social Audit and Vigilance at the Panchayat levels.

Under the District component of Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme implemented by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) from 2006-07 to 2014-15, two (2) districts of Kerala namely, Palakkad and Wayanad were covered.

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