

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1869
ANSWERED ON 03.03.2020

BACKWARD REGION GRANT FUND

1869. DR. SUBHAS SARKAR:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has disbursed Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) in special areas in the State of West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the allotted funds and the types of activities undertaken thereunder, district wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c) The Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme has been delinked from the budgetary support of the Central Government w.e.f. the financial year 2015-16 as the scheme has become a part of enhanced devolution of revenue to the States. Eleven (11) districts of West Bengal were covered under the District component of BRGF Programme which was implemented by Ministry of Panchayati Raj. Details of funds released to these districts during the operational period of the BRGF Programme with effect from the financial year 2006-07 to 2014-15 are at **Annexure**. As per the progress reports received from the States/Districts, funds under the Programme have been utilised for development of infrastructure facilities like construction of anganwadi centres, panchayat ghars, roads, culverts, bridges, community halls, water supply etc. in the backward districts.

Annexure

Annexure referred in reply to part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1869 for answer on 03.03.2020

Details of funds released to eleven districts of West Bengal under BRGF (District component)

(Amount Rs. in crores)

Sl.No.	Name of the District	Funds released (2006-07 to 2014-15)
1.	24 South Paraganas	187.78
2.	Bankura	150.29
3.	Birbhum	146.00
4.	Dinajpur Dakshin	109.17
5.	Dinajpur Uttar	111.55
6.	Jalpaiguri	155.42
7.	Maldah	128.93
8.	Medinipur East	160.11
9.	Medinipur West	145.12
10.	Murshidabad	178.49
11.	Purulia	102.53
Total		1575.39
