

Total GBS in 2008-09 to 5.9% in 2009-10. As percentage of the Railways Plan Outlay also, the GBS share increased from 28.2% in 2008-09 to 45% in 2009-10. The increase provided as GBS support to Railways in subsequent years has been on this higher base. However, the GBS to Railways as per cent of their Plan Outlay has shown a steady increase from 45% in 2009-10 to 48.6% in 2011-12 (RE). The decline in budget support to Railways as per cent of Plan Outlay of Railways in BE 2012-13 is attributed to substantial increase in Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR) estimated by Railways in 2012-13 *i.e.* from Rs. 25,407 crore in RE 2011-12 to Rs. 34,998 crore in BE 2012-13.

#### **Utilisation of central funds by Odisha**

214. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that State Government of Odisha is repeatedly alleging about Central Government negligence to Odisha regarding Natural Calamity Assistance, Plan Assistance, Backward Area Development Assistance, on the other hand the State Government is not able to utilize the funds released by Central Government; and

(b) the total funds released to Odisha State in last three years for Natural Calamity assistance, Plan Assistance, Backward Area Development Assistance and the percentage of utilization?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Central Assistance released to the State of Odisha in the last three years for Natural Calamities, Plan Assistance, including assistance under the State Component of Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) is as given below:

#### *Release of funds under different Schemes to Odisha state*

	Rs. in crore			
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13*
A. Plan Assistance	7994.16	11899.62	12361.27	2829.23
B. Natural Calamity Assistance				
1. Calamity Relief Fund/ State Disaster Response Fund	176.5	293.69	308.37	161.9

	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13*
2. National Calamity Contingency Fund /National Disaster Response Fund	-	560.17	678.65	-
TOTAL Natural Calamity Assistance	176.5	853.86	987.02	161.9

\*As on 31.7.2012

The releases are made on State's certifying utilization of funds for the purposes specified in the guidelines of respective Schemes/programmes. Request of the State Governments for funds, received from time to time are factored in at the time of finalization of Annual Plan of the State after an assessment of overall and inter-State development priorities and absorptive capacity of the State within the overall availability of resources.

#### Encouragement for Public Sector Banks

215. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has encouraged Public Sector Banks to spread their business overseas and has drawn up a list of 42 countries, especially from South America, Africa and South East Asia into which 26 Public Sector Banks can foray;

(b) whether the Ministry has also promised all possible support to the banks including capital support in expanding their overseas presence;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether foreign operation of Indian Banks expended to 244 Offices/Branches in 2010-11 as compared to 233 in the previous year and expected to reach 260 in 2011-12; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have been having overseas