

- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof; and
- (c) to what extent the above classification helps Panchayats to work more effectively?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA DEO):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (c) Do not arise.

Districts of Odisha under BRGF

2096. DR. DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to include the remaining 10 districts of Odisha under Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF);
- (b) if so, by when it would be released; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA DEO):

(a) Initially, 19 districts of Odisha were covered under the District Component of Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF). In the current financial year, one more district of Odisha namely Bargarh has been included. There is no proposal under consideration to include more districts under BRGF in Odisha in the current year.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Reply to MPs' communications/letters

†2097. DR. YOGENDRA P. TRIVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministers and Government officials are bound to reply all the letters written by the Members of Parliament (MPs);
- (b) if so, whether it is being followed;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether Government would remind all the Ministers and officials in this matter;
- (d) if so, by when; and
- (e) the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.