

- (b) the number of districts identified for being covered under the backward districts from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;
- (c) the details of funds allocated and utilized under BRGF in those States; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to ensure full utilization of funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) The criteria adopted for inclusion of districts under Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme include economic (per capita credit & deposits, percentage of agriculture labourers, agriculture wages and output per agricultural worker); social and educational (percentage of SC and ST population, female literacy rate, ratio of secondary schools to population of specific age group and gross enrolment ratio class I-VIII - age 6-13 years); health (crude death rate, infant mortality rate, institutional delivery and full immunization); and amenities (percentage of households without electricity, with bank services and drinking water source greater than 500 meters away).

(b) Four districts (Anantapur, Chittoor, Cuddapah, Vizianagaram) of Andhra Pradesh and nine districts (Adilabad, Karimnagar, Khammam, Mahboobnagar, Medak, Nalgonda, Nizamabad, Rangareddy, Warrangal) of the newly created State of Telangana are covered under the BRGF Programme

(c) Till the year ending 31.3.2014, an amount of ₹ 2305.25 crore was released to the State of Andhra Pradesh (which included Telangana) against which utilisation of ₹ 1909.08 crore has been reported by the State Government.

(d) To ensure full utilization of funds, Ministry of Panchayati Raj communicates to the States the annual fund allocation of the District in April itself of each year and then regularly follows up with the State Governments for early submission of Districts Plans along with the requisite documents. Review meetings and video conferences with the State/District level officials and visit by the officials of the Ministry to the State are some other measures being taken for ensuring timely utilisation of funds. The sanctions are also uploaded on the website of the Ministry.

#### **Backward Regions Grant Fund scheme in Bihar**

†3453. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of districts in Bihar where Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) scheme is being implemented;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- (b) the amount of funds spent, so far under this scheme, district-wise;
- (c) whether Government proposes to revamp this scheme; and
- (d) if so, the specific steps Government proposes to accelerate development of the backward districts of the laggard States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA): (a) and (b) District Component of the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme is being implemented in all the thirty eight districts of Bihar. The names of these districts along with the funds released so far (till the year ending 31.3.2014) and the utilization reported by the State Government are shown in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) To ensure that backward sub-district units within the States receive adequate financial support and to address intra-district inequalities, the Finance Minister's Budget speech for the year 2014-15 seeks restructuring of the BRGF Programme.

*Statement*

*Bihar: Funds released and utilisation reported under the BRGF Programme (till the year ending 31.03.2014)*

(Amount in ₹ crore)

Sl. No.	Districts	Funds Released	Utilisation Reported
1.	Araria	89.70	69.70
2.	*Arwal	13.86	0.00
3.	Aurangabad	89.93	78.20
4.	Banka	87.76	77.76
5.	Begusarai	106.57	86.79
6.	Bhagalpur	86.42	75.57
7.	Bhojpur	95.76	75.88
8.	Buxar	90.83	74.32
9.	Darbhanga	100.11	83.25
10.	Gaya	123.06	97.18
11.	Gopalganj	103.13	88.46
12.	Jamui	90.43	80.25

Sl. No.	Districts	Funds Released	Utilisation Reported
13.	Jehanabad	88.38	74.20
14.	Kaimur (Bhabua)	82.25	64.35
15.	Katihar	104.72	83.95
16.	Khagaria	73.58	62.75
17.	Kishanganj	86.21	69.56
18.	Lakhisarai	73.81	63.81
19.	Madhepura	90.48	74.79
20.	Madhubani	126.43	102.38
21.	Munger	81.45	65.74
22.	Muzaffarpur	111.77	101.75
23.	Nalanda	107.36	87.10
24.	Nawada	98.34	79.66
25.	Paschim Champaran	128.61	103.75
26.	Patna	115.25	98.16
27.	Purbi Champaran	134.78	108.40
28.	Purnia	93.29	78.52
29.	Rohtas	103.17	92.08
30.	Saharsa	85.59	68.54
31.	Samastipur	111.82	90.42
32.	Saran	102.90	86.78
33.	Sheikhpura	75.11	61.98
34.	Sheohar	61.66	48.83
35.	Sitamarhi	106.55	85.39
36.	*Siwan	29.28	12.24
37.	Supaul	83.50	72.75
38.	Vaishali	116.48	95.48
TOTAL Development Grant (DG)		3550.33	2920.72
Capacity Building (CB)		71.58	40.56
GRAND TOTAL (DG+CB)		3621.91	2961.28

\*Arwal and Siwan are newly carved out districts during the year 2012-13.

Note: Utilisation Certificate becomes due after one year of release.