

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1203
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2005
DEVELOPMENT OF BACKWARD DISTRICTS
Barad Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai;Prasad Shri Hari Kewal

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government had approved a special package for development of some districts of Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh under the 'Backward District Initiative Programme';
- (b) if so, the districts identified for the purpose and the criteria for the selection;
- (c) the central assistance provided for the purpose to each of the districts;
- (d) the extent to which the amounts have been utilised;
- (e) whether the Government has launched any time-bound programme for the development of the identified backward districts; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Backward Districts Initiative of the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana covers 147 districts including 32 districts affected by left wing extremism. The identification of backward districts within a State was made on the basis of an index of backwardness comprising three parameters with equal weights to each, namely, (i) value of output per agricultural worker; (ii) agriculture wage rate; and (iii) percentage of SC/ST population of the districts. The list of districts of Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh is in the statement enclosed.

(c): As per the scheme, Rs. 45 crore is to be provided for each district covered under the scheme over a period of three years. The Central Assistance so far provided to each district of Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana is given in the statement enclosed.

(d): The Government of Gujarat has reported an expenditure of Rs. 15.52 crore up to September, 2005 and the Government of Uttar Pradesh has reported an expenditure of Rs. 158.43 crore up to October, 2005 under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana.

(e) & (f): The Government has announced the establishment of the Backward Regions Grant Fund from the current financial year 2005-06. The Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY), envisaged to end in 2006-07, will now be wound up with suitable transition arrangements to protect every district now covered under RSVY.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (b) & (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1203 to be answered on 30.11.2005 by Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai Barad and Shri Harikewal Prasad regarding Development of Backward Districts.

List of districts of Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh and Central Assistance so far released to each of the districts covered under the Backward Districts Initiative of the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana.

(Rs. in crore)

Name of the State/District Total amount so far released

Gujarat	37.50
Dangs	22.50
Dahod	7.50
Panchmahals	7.50
Uttar Pradesh	322.50
Sitapur	22.50
Unnao	15.00

Raebareli	15.00
Sonbhadra	22.50
Hardoi	15.00
Barabanki	22.50
Fatehpur	22.50
Banda	22.50
Chitrakoot	15.00
Mirzapur	15.00
Gorakhpur	7.50
Azamgarh	7.50
Kushinagar	15.00
Jaunpur	7.50
Chandauli	15.00
Kaushambi	15.00
Hamirpur	15.00
Mahoba	15.00
Lalitpur	15.00
Pratapgarh	7.50
Jalaun	15.00