

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4176
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REVIEW OF SPECIAL LONG TERM PLAN FOR KBK REGION
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently reviewed the special long term plan being implemented in the KBK region of Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the progress made in its implementation;
- (c) whether the Centre has received any representation from Orissa to extend the special long term plan in the KBK region beyond the Tenth Plan Period; and
- (d) if so, the action taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The implementation of schemes under the Special Plan for the KBK districts of Orissa has recently been reviewed by Minister of State for Planning on 17.05.2005 and 27.10.2005 at Bhubaneswar. A team led by Member, Planning Commission also reviewed the implementation of the programme on 23.05.2005 at Bhubaneswar. A team of Advisers from the Planning Commission visited the KBK districts to review the programme on 19th and 20th July, 2005. The Chief Minister of Orissa also reviewed the progress of schemes under the Special Plan for the KBK districts in the State Level Committee meeting held on 05.09.2005. Funds amounting to Rs. 1110.61 crore have been released by the Government of India for the KBK districts during the period 1998-99 to 2005-06 (up to December, 2005) out of which Rs. 964.23 crore (up to September, 2005) has been utilized for overall development of KBK districts. On utilization of this amount, the achievements made in different sectors in the KBK districts are listed in the statement annexed.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): A decision in this regard is to be taken while finalizing the Backward Regions Grant Fund, announced for establishment in the current financial year.

Statement referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4176 to be answered on 21.12.2005 by Shri Tathagata Satapathy regarding Review of Special Long Term Plan for KBK Region.

Major achievements made in different sectors in the KBK districts to raise the economic, educational, social and overall living standards of the people of the KBK region

1. 2 lakh old, infirm and indigent persons are being covered annually under Emergency Feeding Programme.
2. 9.42 lakh children under the age group 0-6 and other beneficiaries have been covered under Special Nutrition Programme annually.
3. 90 Mobile Health Units are functioning in 80 blocks of the KBK districts providing treatment to nearly 13 lakh patients annually at their doorsteps.
4. Out of 1324 watersheds, 314 watersheds are taken up under the Special Plan 39,520 ha of area has been treated so far.
5. Afforestation over an area of 1.25 lakh ha. has been made through 644 VSS and 144.13 lakh mandays have been generated.
6. 400 forty seated residential hostels for girls have been constructed and operationalised. All the hostels have been provided with basic amenities. Pre-matric scholarships have been provided to 16,000 girl students annually.
7. To enhance access to growth and service centres, 266 roads have been improved, 407 culverts and 44 bridges have been constructed.
8. 13,151 tube wells / sanitary wells have been installed to provide safe drinking water to the rural poor.
9. 645 LIPs and 26 MIPs have been constructed. As a result, additional irrigation potential of 16,480 ha. have been created.

As a result of the aforesaid achievements, the following impacts have been visualized in different spheres.

1. Enrolment rate in primary schools in KBK districts has gone up to 110.36 in 2004-05 from 75.89 in 1996-97. Similarly, the enrolment rate in upper-primary schools in KBK districts has gone up to 65.32 in 2004-05 from 56.39 in 1996-97.
2. Dropout rate in primary schools in KBK districts has been reduced to 28.93 in 2004- 05 from 57.13 in 1996-97. Similarly, the dropout rate in upper-primary schools in KBK districts has been reduced to 43.73 in 2004-05 from 79.10 in 1996-97.
3. Female literacy rate has increased to 29.10 in 2001 from 15.87 in 1991. At the same time the overall literacy rate has increased to 43.30 in 2001 from 29.24 in 1991.
4. Irrigation potential has increased to 33.71% in 2002-03 from 28.56% in 1998-99.
5. Milk collection per day has increased to 12,930 ltr. in 2003-04 from 7,814 ltr. in 1998-99.