

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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FUND FOR ORISSA UNDER RSVY
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons living below poverty line in KBK districts of Orissa as compared to other parts of the State;
- (b) whether State Government has sought assistance under the Rashtriya Sama Vikas Yojana for such districts;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government to provide assistance to Orissa under the Rashtriya Sama Vikas Yojana during the current financial year?

Answer

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

(a): The Planning Commission does not estimate region-wise population below poverty line. However, as per the estimates made by the Poverty Task Force (PTF) constituted by the Government of Orissa relating to the year 2003, the percentage of population living below poverty line in the KBK districts of Orissa stands at 65.42 as compared to 50.09 for the State as a whole.

(b) to (d): The State Government is being allocated Special Central Assistance on 100% grant basis under two components of the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana viz. Special Plan for the KBK districts of Orissa and Backward Districts Initiative. In the current year, Special Central Assistance of Rs. 250 crore has been allocated for the Special Plan. Under the Backward Districts Initiative, Special Central Assistance of Rs. 15 crore per year for three years has been allocated for each of the five districts of Orissa, namely, Ganjam, Gajapati, Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar and Sundergarh which are covered under the scheme.