

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

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Development of Backward Region  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has identified the socio-economic backward regions/districts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any schemes/programmes for overall development of such backward regions/districts in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING  
AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE  
RAO INDERJIT SINGH

(a) & (b) No region/district has been identified as socio-economically backward per se. However, various norms have been adopted for identification of districts/areas for coverage under different schemes from time to time.

(c) & (d) As per the report of the 14th Finance Commission (FFC), share of States in the net proceeds of the union taxes has been significantly enhanced from 32% to 42%, which is the biggest ever increase in vertical tax devolution/share of the States in the Central divisible pool. Thus, the recommendations of FFC will enhance the availability of funds at the disposal of States. The higher tax devolution will allow States greater autonomy in financing and design of schemes as per the needs and requirements including for filling the development gap in the deficit regions.