

Title : Need to include Kandhamal and Baud districts of Orissa under KBK districts Improvement Scheme-Laid.

SHRI PADMANAVA BEHERA (PHOOLBANI): The Central Government have announced in the year 1998-99 to provide special funds from the Centre to implement KBK districts improvement scheme in the State of Orissa. We welcome it but the neighbouring district of Kandhamal and Baud have been left out of this scheme. These two districts of the State are the most backward districts economically in comparison to other districts of the State. More than 70 per cent of the population are from SCs/STs. No irrigation facilities and electrification have yet been provided in these districts.

I therefore, urge upon the Government to include these two districts of Kandhamal and Baud in KBK plan of the State which have been left out so that poor/downtrodden people of the State may be benefited.