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Title: Need to continue Central Assistance for Area Development Programmes in Left Wing Extremism affected districts of Odisha.

DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH (BARGARH): Government of India have discontinued Central assistance for Area Development Programmes like Special Plan for KBK, Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) and Integrated Action Plan (IAP) for Left Wing Extremism affected districts which will affect the developmental programmes of some of the most vulnerable and backward regions of Odisha. The State Government finds it difficult to carry on the programmes taken up under these schemes during the current plan period, since it involves resource commitment of Rs.1226.51 crore (Special Plan for KBK- Rs,250.00 crore, Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF) - Rs.436,51 crore and Integrated Action Plan (TAP) - R.540.00 crore for Left Wing Extremism affected Districts). The State Government have raised the issue in various fora and requested for continuance of these schemes.

Central Assistance of Rs. 132.07 crore and Rs. 367.93 crore have been released by Government of India during 2015-16 and 2016-17 respectively for completion of projects taken up under Special Plan for KBK.

The Government of India may continue the Central Assistance for these schemes keeping in view the developmental needs of the most vulnerable and backward regions of Odisha.