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Title: Need to restore Central assistance for centrally sponsored Area Development Programmes in Odisha.

DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH (BARGARH): Several Centrally Sponsored Area Development Programmes like the Special Plan for KBK, Backward Region Grant Fund and Integrated Action Plan for Left Wing Extremism affected districts are under implementation in Odisha. These Programmes have been found to be very effective in improving the lives of the people of these areas. Unfortunately, the Government of India has discontinued the central assistance to these Programmes which has severely affected the developmental works in some of the most vulnerable and backward regions of Odisha. The State Government finds it difficult to carry on the Programmes since it involves resource commitment of about Rs. 1227 crore. I would like to request the Central Government to restore the central assistance for these programmes keeping in view the developmental needs of the most vulnerable and backward regions of Odisha.