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Subject: Release of Rs. 367.93 crore as special assistance to the State of Odisha from Demand No.32 of Union Budget for completion of the approved ongoing projects under KBK-Odisha.

Government of India is committed to assist the States to meet the “spill over liabilities” of their area specific schemes and projects for which budget provision has not been made after the implementation of Fourteenth Finance Commission recommendations and also to provide for need-based assistance to the states on account of varying socio-economic-geographical factors. To honour this commitment, an amount of Rs. 367.93 crore from Demand No.32 of Union Budget 2016-17 has been approved to be released as Special Assistance to Odisha which had an approved amount of Rs. 1,250 crore (Rs. 250 crore per annum) for the 12th Plan period. The Special Plan for the KBK districts has been in operation since 2002-03. The undivided districts of Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi (popularly known as KBK districts and reorganized into eight districts since 1992-93) covers over 47,646 sq. km. area comprising mainly rural population (89.95%) with a large proportion of STs (38.41%) and SCs (16.25%) as per 2001 Census and therefore, the Schemes taken up under this are largely for Promotion of Education among ST/SC Girls and Boys including development of playgrounds/sports activities in hostels and schools, Improvement of

Inter-District roads/other major roads/Rural roads; Strengthening of Electric Supply Systems and Lift Irrigation/Deep Bore-wells/Check Dams.
