

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2229
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023

ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS PROGRAMME

2229 SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS:
DR. SANTANU SEN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is lagging behind in achieving goals set under the Aspirational Districts Programme, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (b) funds allocated and utilized under Aspirational Districts Programme in the last three years, year-wise, State-wise, and district-wise for West Bengal;
- (c) whether Government has conducted a performance review study of districts under the Aspirational Districts Programme in the last three years, if so, year-wise, State-wise, and district-wise reports for West Bengal;
- (d) if not, reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether Government is planning to add more districts under the Aspirational Districts Programme, if so, details thereof and if not reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) The Aspirational Districts Programme aims at rapid transformation of relatively under-developed districts. Districts are monitored monthly across sectors such as Health and Nutrition, Education, Basic Infrastructure, Agriculture & Water Resources and Financial Inclusion & Skill Development. Aspirational districts have shown improvement since inception of the programme. District wise detail of progress made under this programme is available in public domain in the webportal (www.championsofchange.gov.in).
- (b) , (c), and (d) No district from West Bengal is part of the Aspirational Districts Programme.
- (e) At present there is no proposal to add more districts under the Aspirational Districts Programme.
