

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3148  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

**ADP IN TARGETED DISTRICTS**

**3148: DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU:**

Will the **THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has been implementing Aspirational District Program (ADP) for improving healthcare facilities in the targeted districts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including achievements made under the programme so far, district-wise especially in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the details of funds allocated for healthcare facilities under the programme so far, district-wise in Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) whether health and nutrition constitute major weightage in selection of Aspirational Districts in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) & (b)

NITI Aayog implements the Aspirational District (AD) Programme for improvement of socio-economic indicators in the selected districts. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) supports all States/UTs in implementation of various schemes/initiatives for improvement of healthcare facilities under National Health Mission (NHM) based on the Annual Program Implementation Plan (APIP) submitted by States/ UTs.

Aspirational Districts in general have shown improvement with respect to the Health and Nutrition indicators.

The percentage improvement in Ramanathapuram is 14.91% and Virudhunagar is 16.20% under Health and Nutrition theme, since inception of the Programme as per Champions of Change portal of NITI Aayog (on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023)

(c) & (d)

As informed by the NITI Ayog, the main strategy of the AD program is based on convergence of existing schemes, which have their own funding arrangement. In order to foster competitive spirit and for addressing the critical gaps, additional allocation via challenge route is provided by NITI Aayog. Every month, districts are assessed on the basis of monthly progress and the best

performing Districts in overall terms and in each of the five sectors identified. The first and second rankers in overall terms are awarded Rs. 10 crores and Rs. 5 crores respectively. The first ranker from each of the five sectors taken up in ADs including Health & Nutrition sector is awarded Rs. 3 crores each.

The details of fund allocated for healthcare facilities to the Aspirational Districts of Tamil Nadu for the Health & Nutrition Sector, as informed by NITI Ayog, is given at Annexure-I.

Health and Nutrition is assigned major weightage of 30% in selection of Aspirational Districts in the country. The details are given in Annexure-II.

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**Annexure-I****District wise details of fund allocated for the healthcare facilities to the Aspirational Districts of Tamil Nadu for the Health & Nutrition Sector**

S. No	District Name	Project Name	Project Amount (Rs. Crore)
1.	Virudhunagar	Construction of new Anganwadi centers	3.00
2.	Ramanathapuram	Portable ultrasound scan machine for antenatal women to prevent maternal and Perinatal mortality	0.36
3.		New AWC Building construction	1.92
4.		Mobile X ray van- To increase TB screening and case notification Billboard/ Hoarding- Create TB awareness among people	0.49
5.		Anemia prevention- Digital Haemoglobinometer with strips	0.20

## Annexure- II

### Weightage of Health & Nutrition Indicators in selection of Aspirational Districts

DATABASES	SECTOR	WEIGHT
Landless households dependent on Manual labour (Socio Economic Caste Census – Deprivation 7)	Deprivation (25%)	25%
<b>Ante natal care</b> <b>(National Family Health Survey (NFHS-4))</b>	<b>Health &amp; Nutrition (30%)</b>	<b>7.5%</b>
<b>Institutional delivery (NFHS-4)</b>		<b>7.5%</b>
<b>Stunting of children below 5 years (NFHS-4)</b>		<b>7.5%</b>
<b>Wasting in children below 5 years (NFHS-4)</b>		<b>7.5%</b>
Elementary dropout rate (Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE) 2015-16)	Education (15%)	7.5%
Adverse pupil teacher ratio (U-DISE 2015-16)		7.5%
Un-electrified households (Ministry of Power)	Infra (30%)	7.5%
Households without individual toilets (Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation)		7.5%
Un-connected PMGSY village (Ministry of Rural Development)		7.5%
Rural Household without access to water (Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation)		7.5%
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>