

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

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3150
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th MARCH 2023**

ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS IN WEST BENGAL

3150: SHRI BIKASH RANJAN BHATTACHARYYA:

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

- (a) the number of Aspirational Districts identified in West Bengal for transformation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons as to why the districts of West Bengal were excluded from the list; and
- (d) whether there is any criteria for selecting the districts?

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

(a) to (d)

As informed by NITI Ayog, Aspirational Districts were selected through a transparent process on the basis of published data. Individual States were requested to participate at the time of launching the programme. No response was received from the State of West Bengal, therefore, districts of West Bengal are not covered under the programme.

The districts were selected on basis of criteria as listed below:

DATABASES	SECTOR	WEIGHT
Landless households dependent on Manual labour <i>(Socio Economic Caste Census – Deprivation 7)</i>	Deprivation (25%)	25%
Ante natal care <i>(National Family Health Survey (NFHS-4)</i>	Health & Nutrition (30%)	7.5%
Institutional delivery <i>(NFHS-4)</i>		7.5%

Stunting of children below 5 years (<i>NFHS-4</i>)		7.5%
Wasting in children below 5 years (<i>NFHS-4</i>)		7.5%
Elementary dropout rate (<i>Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE) 2015-16</i>)	Education (15%)	7.5%
Adverse pupil teacher ratio (<i>U-DISE 2015-16</i>)		7.5%
Un-electrified households (<i>Ministry of Power</i>)	Infra (30%)	7.5%
Households without individual toilets (<i>Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation</i>)		7.5%
Un-connected PMGSY village (<i>Ministry of Rural Development</i>)		7.5%
Rural Household without access to water (<i>Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation</i>)		7.5%
Total		100%