

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1548
ANSWERED ON 02.08.2023

ASPIRATIONAL BLOCK PROGRAMME

1548 SHRI R. DHARMAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has planned to launch the Aspirational Block Programme (ABP) within the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the funds estimated for this;
- (d) the details of the number of States and location likely to be covered under this programme initially in the country;
- (e) the details of the locations identified within Tamil Nadu;
- (f) the details of the number of fields likely to be covered under this programme within the country; and
- (g) the details of the target set under this programme and by when it is likely to be implemented?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

- (a): Yes, Sir. the Aspirational Blocks Programme was launched on 7th January 2023 by Government of India and is anchored by NITI Aayog.
- (b): The Aspirational Blocks Programme is a nationwide programme which focuses on improving governance to enhance the quality of life of citizens in the most difficult and underdeveloped blocks of India by converging existing schemes, defining outcomes, and monitoring them on a constant basis.
- (c): An amount of Rs. 100 Crores is allocated for expenditure under the Aspirational Blocks Programme for the year 2023-24.
- (d): The programme covers 500 blocks across 27 States and 4 Union Territories.
- (e): The list of blocks from Tamil Nadu which are part of the programme is given as Annexure.
- (f): The Programme focuses on Health and Nutrition, Education, Agriculture, Basic Infrastructure and Social Development.
- (g): The Programme has a Key Performance Indicator framework as per the specific focus areas mentioned in reply to part (f) above, on the basis of which the progress of blocks are to be monitored on a regular basis.

Annexure

Annexure referred in reply to part (e) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1548 for reply on 02.08.2023

List of Blocks Selected in the State of Tamil Nadu

	State	District	Block
1.	Tamil Nadu	Ariyalur	Andimadam
2.		Kallakurichi	Kalvarayan Hills
3.		Karur	Thogaimala
4.		Perambalur	Alathur
5.		Pudhukottai	Thiruvarankulam
6.		Ramanathapuram	Thiruvadanai
7.		Ranipet	Timri
8.		Sivagangai	Thirupathur
9.		The Nilgiris	Kothagiri
10.		Thenkasi	Melaneelithanallur
11.		Thiruvannamalai	Javvadhu Hills
12.		Tiruchirapalli	Thuraiyur
13.		Tirunelveli	Nanguneri
14.		Vellore	K.V.Kuppam
15.		Villupuram	Thiruvannainallur
16.		Virudhunagar	Thiruchuli
