

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2382**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024

**FUNDS ALLOCATED/UTILIZED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ASPIRATIONAL  
DISTRICTS AND BLOCKS OF BIHAR**

2382 # DR. BHIM SINGH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of criteria for selection of aspirational districts and blocks;
- (b) whether Government has conducted any research/study on the implementation of the said programme pertaining to aspirational districts, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated and utilized by Government for the development of aspirational districts and blocks in the State of Bihar during the last three years?

**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 CULTURE

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- (a) The aspirational districts and blocks were selected through a transparent process on the basis of published data. List of data sets and the weight attached to them for selection of the districts and blocks are attached in Annexure - I and Annexure II respectively.
- (b) Yes Sir. There have been independent assessments of the functioning and impact of the Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP).
  - (a) UNDP made a comprehensive appraisal of this programme
  - (b) Institute for Competitiveness Assessment (a team of expert led by Prof. Michael Porter of Harvard Business school) made a detailed assessment of the programme

The UNDP report titled “Aspirational Districts Programme: An Appraisal,” submitted in December 2020, confirmed that significant progress has been made in various aspects such as

sector-wise growth, better governance through convergence, and accelerated development through competitive federalism. This progress has been driven by factors including strong leadership, real-time monitoring, data-driven decision-making, and capacity building.

Additionally, the Institute for Competitiveness highlighted that nearly all districts in the ADP have shown improvement on key development parameters compared to the baseline, with the programme successfully advancing social impact and justice by targeting the benefits towards the most disadvantaged areas. The delta ranking system has played a crucial role in fostering a competitive and dynamic culture, which has motivated several low-performing districts to enhance their standings over the past three years. The reports also suggested that the programme could serve as a model for future economic and social development strategies across India.

- (c) The details of funds allocated and utilized by the Government for the development of aspirational districts and blocks in the State of Bihar during the last three years are provided as Annexure III and Annexure IV respectively.

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**List of data sets and weights used for selection of Aspirational Districts**

<b>DATABASES</b>	<b>SECTOR</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>
Landless households dependent on Manual labour ( <i>Socio Economic Caste Census – Deprivation 7</i> )	Deprivation (25%)	25%
Antenatal care ( <i>National Family and 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%
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>

The sources of the data set are as follows:

1. <http://secc.gov.in/categorywiseDeprivationReport?reportType=SC%20Category#> (SECC 2011- Deprivation Datasheet)
2. [http://rchiips.org/NFHS/districtfactsheet\\_NFHS-4.shtml](http://rchiips.org/NFHS/districtfactsheet_NFHS-4.shtml) (NFHS 4 Datasheet)
3. <http://udise.in/drc2015-16.htm> (U-DISE 2015-16 Datasheet)
4. <http://saubhagya.gov.in/> (Saubhagya Website)
5. <http://pmsgy.nic.in/> (PMGSY Website)

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**List of indicators on the basis of which blocks were selected**

<b>SI No</b>	<b>Indicator Name</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>Weight in Overall</b>	<b>Weight in Sector</b>
1.	Percentage of farmers under Pradhan Mantri Kishan Pension Yojana (PM-KMY) to total eligible farmers	Agriculture	15	3.75
2.	Ratio of Households engaged in Non-Farm to Farm related activities			3.75
3.	Percentage of farmers received benefits under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) to total eligible farmers			3.75
4.	Percentage of total irrigated area to total cultivable area			3.75
5.	Percentage of households with kuccha wall, kuccha roof to total households per block	Basic Infrastructure	10	2
6.	Percentage of households having Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (PMSBHGY) benefit to total Households			2
7.	Percentage of households having piped water connection to total households in the block			2
8.	Percentage of households availing Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) benefits to total Households			2
9.	Percentage of households not having sanitary latrines to total households			2
10.	Percentage of Primary school with electricity availability to total primary schools in Block	Education	25	5

11.	Primary school with toilet facility to total primary schools in Block			5
12.	Dropout rate at the block level			5
13.	Percentage of Primary school have drinking water facility to total primary schools in Block			5
14.	Percentage of schools having trained teachers for teaching Child with Special Need (CwSN).			5
15.	Percentage of households with Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) bank account to total households	Financial Inclusion	5	5
16.	Percentage of children registered under Anganwadi to total children 0-6 years	Health and Nutrition	25	2.08
17.	Percentage of children fully immunized to total children			2.08
18.	Percentage of children categorized as non-stunted as per ICDS			2.08
19.	Percentage of non-anemic pregnant women to total pregnant women			2.08
20.	Percentage of non-underweight child age under 6 years			2.08
21.	Percentage of pregnant women received services to total pregnant women			2.08
22.	Percentage of lactating mothers received services to total Lactating mothers			2.08
23.	Percentage of women delivered babies at hospitals to total pregnant women			2.08
24.	Percentage of Non-anemic children to total children in age group of 0-6 years			2.08
25.	Percentage of newly born underweight children to total newly born children			2.08

26.	Percentage of beneficiaries received benefits under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana Scheme (PMMVY) to total eligible beneficiaries			2.08
27.	Percentage of beneficiaries received benefits Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) to total eligible			2.08
28.	Percentage of Schedule caste population per block	General – Capturing Poverty	20	5
29.	Percentage of Schedule tribe population per block			5
30.	Deprived Households per Block			10
			100	100

*Source of data for indicators – Mission Antyodaya and SECC (2011)*

**The criteria for selection of 500 blocks are as follows:**

1. The distribution of blocks i.e., number of blocks per State/UT was decided based on per capita State GDP (75% weight – negative indicator) and State population (25% weight – positive indicator).
2. It was ensured that at least one block was selected from each Aspirational District.
3. It was ensured that at least one block was selected from the UTs of Ladakh and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
4. A maximum cap of 60 blocks per State was benchmarked (excl. one per Aspirational District).
5. Urban areas were majorly excluded from the selection of blocks.

## ANNEXURE III

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**Details of funds allocated and utilized by Aspirational Districts of Bihar during the last  
three years**

District	FY 2021-22		FY 2022-23		FY 2023-24		Grand Total	
	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Utilised	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Utilised	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Utilised	Total Amount Sanctioned	Total Amount Utilised
Araria	0.01	-	5.36	-	-	-	5.37	-
Aurangabad	7.38	5.79	-	-	-	-	7.38	5.79
Banka	9.01	4.75	2.00	-	3.00	0.79	14.01	5.54
Begusarai	6.01	2.07	-	-	-	-	6.01	2.07
Gaya	4.01	3.48	7.84	3.96	-	-	11.85	7.43
Jamui	3.16	2.78	6.85	6.29	-	-	10.01	9.08
Katihar	5.01	2.26	8.00	- .00	-	-	13.01	2.26
Khagaria	15.81	12.59	3.72	1.26	13.35	-	32.88	13.85
Muzaffarpur	6.01	5.29	11.97	-	-	-	17.98	5.29
Nawada	21.87	2.07	-	-	-	-	21.87	2.07
Purnia	5.38	-	-	-	-	-	5.38	-
Sheikhpura	3.01	2.65	7.20	-	-	-	10.21	2.65
Sitamarhi	-	-	3.01	-	-	-	3.01	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>86.68</b>	<b>43.74</b>	<b>55.94</b>	<b>11.50</b>	<b>16.35</b>	<b>0.79</b>	<b>158.97</b>	<b>56.04</b>

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**Details of funds allocated and utilized by Districts of Bihar under Aspirational Blocks**

**Programme during the FY 2023-24\***

<b>Sl no</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amount Utilized</b>
1.	Araria	11,95,000	-
2.	Aurangabad	47,80,000	-
3.	Banka	35,85,000	-
4.	Begusarai	47,80,000	-
5.	Bhagalpur	59,75,000	-
6.	Bhojpur	35,85,000	-
7.	Buxar	23,90,000	-
8.	Gaya	47,80,000	-
9.	Gopalganj	11,95,000	-
10.	Jamui	47,80,000	-
11.	Kaimur (Bhabua)	59,75,000	-
12.	Katihar	35,85,000	-
13.	Khagaria	11,95,000	-
14.	Lakhisarai	11,95,000	-
15.	Madhepura	11,95,000	-



16.	Munger	47,80,000	-
17.	Muzaffarpur	11,95,000	-
18.	Nawada	23,90,000	-
19.	Purbi Champaran	23,90,000	-
20.	Purnia	23,90,000	-
21.	Rohtas	11,95,000	-
22.	Samastipur	23,90,000	-
23.	Sheikhpura	11,95,000	-
24.	Sitamarhi	11,95,000	-
25.	Siwan	11,95,000	-
26.	Supaul	11,95,000	-
27.	Vaishali	11,95,000	-
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>7,28,95,000</b>	<b>-</b>

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\*The Aspirational Blocks Programme was launched in January 2023.

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