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MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES IN THE STATES

1265 # DR. BHIM SINGH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the major schemes and initiatives launched by Government to accelerate economic and social development of the country and the impact of these schemes on the development of States, particularly on backward areas like the State of Bihar, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether any new mechanism or technique has been adopted by the Central Government for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of development schemes in the States, if so, the details thereof?

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

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a): The Ministry of Planning is implementing three schemes namely, Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP), Aspiration Blocks Programme (ABP), Atal Innovation Mission, and State Support Mission which are aimed at contributing towards economic and social development of the country. The details are as follows:

(i) Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP) and Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP):

The Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP), launched in January 2018 by the Government of India and anchored by NITI Aayog, aims to drive socio-economic development in 112 underdeveloped districts across 26 States and 1 Union Territory. The programme focuses on five key sectors: Health & Nutrition, Education, Financial Inclusion & Skill Development, Agriculture & Water Resources, and Basic Infrastructure. Progress is monitored through 49 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), ensuring a structured approach to governance and service delivery. 13 Districts from Bihar are a part of Aspirational Districts Programme

Building on ADP's success, the Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP) was launched in January 2023 to extend the development model to 500 underdeveloped blocks across 329 districts from

27 States and 4 Union Territories. Like ADP, ABP focuses on five key sectors: Health & Nutrition, Education, Agriculture & Allied Sectors, Social Development, and Basic Infrastructure. It employs 40 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to monitor progress, fostering competition and encouraging local administrations to enhance governance. 61 Aspirational Blocks in 27 districts from Bihar are a part of Aspirational Blocks Programme.

(ii) **Atal Innovation Mission:** The objective of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) is creation of a problem-solving innovative mindset in schools and creating an ecosystem of entrepreneurship in universities, research institutions, private and MSME sector.

To date, 97 Atal Tinkering Labs have been set up in Bihar. These ATLS have conducted more than 4,700 workshops and trained approx. 1.2 lakh student innovators. 1 Atal Incubation Centre has been operationalized in Bihar Vidyapith, Patna. It has incubated 44 start-ups and generated approx 400 jobs.

(iii) **State Support Mission:** State Support Mission which is a Central Sector scheme started in FY 2023-24 with the primary objective of supporting interested States/UTs to establish State Institution for Transformation (SIT) to re-imagine the role of existing State Planning Department/ Boards which can work towards the socio-economic transformation of States/ UTs. Bihar has set up the State Institute for Transformation Bihar, under this Mission.

(b): Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO), in coordination with around 70 Ministries/Departments, has developed an Output Outcome Monitoring Framework (OOMF) for monitoring of Central Sector (CS) and Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS). The objective of this framework is to strengthen the outcome based monitoring of performance of the schemes against their targets.

Additionally, DMEO has developed an online dashboard wherein the targets are captured and periodic progress is updated by respective Ministry/Department. This enables all stakeholders to monitor the performance of schemes.

DMEO also conducts evaluation studies of Central Schemes and Centrally Sponsored Schemes from time to time. Since its formation in 2015, DMEO has completed 162 Evaluation Studies.

The final evaluation reports, along with the recommendations / suggestions, were shared with the respective administrative/line Ministries/Departments for necessary action. They are also shared with the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.
