

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 947
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2025

UPLIFTMENT INITIATIVES FOR ASPIRING DISTRICTS

947 # SHRI HARSH MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Aspiring Districts in the country and the key features of the initiatives undertaken for their upliftment and inclusive development;
- (b) the steps taken so far in terms of socio-economic indicators in Chamba district of the State of Himachal Pradesh; and
- (c) 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) Aspirational District Programme (ADP) aims at rapid transformation of 112 aspirational districts across sectors which are critical for improving overall quality of life of citizens. 49 key performance indicators have been selected across different sectors, these sectors are Health and Nutrition, Education, Agriculture and Water Resources, Financial Inclusion and Skill Development and Basic Infrastructure. On the basis of these key indicators, districts are ranked periodically. The list of 112 Aspirational Districts, across 26 States and 1 Union Territory is attached at Annexure .
- (b) & (c) ADP focuses on the effective implementation of existing Central and State Government schemes through convergence at the district level. The progress of all 112 districts, including Chamba is monitored periodically and the performance data is publicly accessible via the Champions of Change Dashboard (<http://championsofchange.gov.in>).

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 947 FOR 28.07.2025 BY SHRI HARSH MAHAJAN:
REGARDING UPLIFTMENT INITIATIVES FOR ASPIRING DISTRICTS**

List of 112 Aspirational Districts of India

S. No.	State	District
1	Andhra Pradesh	Alluri Sitharama Raju
2	Andhra Pradesh	Parvathipuram Manyam
3	Andhra Pradesh	Y.S.R. Kadapa
4	Arunachal Pradesh	Namsai
5	Assam	Baksa
6	Assam	Barpeta
7	Assam	Darrang
8	Assam	Dhubri
9	Assam	Goalpara
10	Assam	Hailakandi
11	Assam	Udalguri
12	Bihar	Araria
13	Bihar	Aurangabad
14	Bihar	Banka
15	Bihar	Begusarai
16	Bihar	Gaya
17	Bihar	Jamui
18	Bihar	Katihar
19	Bihar	Khagaria
20	Bihar	Muzaffarpur
21	Bihar	Nawada
22	Bihar	Purnia
23	Bihar	Sheikhpura
24	Bihar	Sitamarhi
25	Chhattisgarh	Bastar
26	Chhattisgarh	Bijapur
27	Chhattisgarh	Dantewada
28	Chhattisgarh	Kanker
29	Chhattisgarh	Kondagaon
30	Chhattisgarh	Korba
31	Chhattisgarh	Mahasamund
32	Chhattisgarh	Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki
33	Chhattisgarh	Narayanpur
34	Chhattisgarh	Sukma
35	Gujarat	Dahod
36	Gujarat	Narmada

S. No.	State	District
37	Haryana	Mewat (Nuh)
38	Himachal Pradesh	Chamba
39	Jammu & Kashmir	Baramulla
40	Jammu & Kashmir	Kupwara
S. No.	State	District
41	Jharkhand	Bokaro
42	Jharkhand	Chatra
43	Jharkhand	Dumka
44	Jharkhand	Garhwa
45	Jharkhand	Giridih
46	Jharkhand	Godda
47	Jharkhand	Gumla
48	Jharkhand	Hazaribagh
49	Jharkhand	Khunti
50	Jharkhand	Latehar
51	Jharkhand	Lohardaga
52	Jharkhand	Pakur
53	Jharkhand	Palamu
54	Jharkhand	Pashchimi Singhbhum
55	Jharkhand	Purbi Singhbhum
56	Jharkhand	Ramgarh
57	Jharkhand	Ranchi
58	Jharkhand	Sahibganj
59	Jharkhand	Simdega
60	Karnataka	Raichur
61	Karnataka	Yadgir
62	Kerala	Wayanad
63	Madhya Pradesh	Barwani
64	Madhya Pradesh	Chhatarpur
65	Madhya Pradesh	Damoh
66	Madhya Pradesh	Guna
67	Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa
68	Madhya Pradesh	Rajgarh
69	Madhya Pradesh	Singrauli
70	Madhya Pradesh	Vidisha
71	Maharashtra	Gadchiroli
72	Maharashtra	Nandurbar
73	Maharashtra	Osmanabad
74	Maharashtra	Washim
75	Manipur	Chandel
76	Meghalaya	Ri Bhoi
77	Mizoram	Mamit
78	Nagaland	Kiphire
79	Odisha	Balangir

80	Odisha	Dhenkanal
81	Odisha	Gajapati
82	Odisha	Kalahandi
83	Odisha	Kandhamal
84	Odisha	Koraput
85	Odisha	Malkangiri
86	Odisha	Nabarangpur

S. No.	State	District
87	Odisha	Nuapada
88	Odisha	Rayagada
89	Punjab	Ferozepur
90	Punjab	Moga
91	Rajasthan	Baran
92	Rajasthan	Dholpur
93	Rajasthan	Jaisalmer
94	Rajasthan	Karauli
95	Rajasthan	Sirohi
96	Sikkim	Soreng
97	Tamil Nadu	Ramanathapuram
98	Tamil Nadu	Virudhunagar
99	Telangana	Bhadradi Kothagudem
100	Telangana	Jayashankar Bhupalpally
101	Telangana	Kumurum Bheem Asifabad
102	Tripura	Dhalai
103	Uttar Pradesh	Bahraich
104	Uttar Pradesh	Balrampur
105	Uttar Pradesh	Chandauli
106	Uttar Pradesh	Chitrakoot
107	Uttar Pradesh	Fatehpur
108	Uttar Pradesh	Shravasti
109	Uttar Pradesh	Siddharthnagar
110	Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra
111	Uttarakhand	Haridwar
112	Uttarakhand	Udham Singh Nagar
