

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1586
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09/03/2017

UNNAT BHARAT PROGRAMME

1586. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has launched an 'Unnat Bharat' programme;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether the programme has been implemented in any districts in the country;
- (d) if so, the details of the districts chosen for the purpose and the criteria adopted for the selection of districts, State-wise; and
- (e) whether the programme also aims to impart greater technical expertise to members of Panchayati Raj Institutions to conceptualize focused development plans at all levels and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Union Government had launched Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) on 11th November, 2014 to enable higher educational institutions to work with people of rural India and local bodies for identifying development challenges and evolving appropriate solutions for accelerating sustainable growth.

(c) & (d) Yes, the Ministry of Human Resource Development has advised all the higher educational institutions, which are funded by the Central/ State Government, and all institutions which are under approval by the regulatory bodies to adopt clusters of backward Gram Panchayats/ villages in their vicinity, and apply their knowledge and expertise to improve the infrastructure in Gram Panchayats (GPs). The details of the districts adopted state-wise are given in **Annexure**. Higher Educational Institutions have been advised for selecting clusters of five villages each in these districts.

(e) Yes, the programme also aims to use the expertise of the members of Panchayati Raj Institutions to conceptualize focused development plans at Gram Panchayat level. For this purpose, a Tripartite Agreement between Ministry of Human Resource Development, Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Panchayati Raj had also been signed on 12th January, 2017 to bring substantial positive improvements in the formulation and delivery of developmental schemes in the rural areas. The local bodies would benefit from the knowledge inputs of the educational institutions.

**Annexure referred to in reply to Part (c) & (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question
No. 1586 for 09/03/2017 regarding 'Unnat Bharat Programme'**

North India		
S. No.	State	District
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra
		Jhansi
		Jalaun
		Hamirpur
		Banda
		Mahoba
		Lalitpur
		Chitrakoot
		Varanasi
		Mirzapur
		Kanpur
		Allahabad
		Pratapgarh
		Fatehpur
		Kaushambi
		Amethi
		Raebareli
	Saharanpur	
	Haryana	Gurugram (Gurgaon)
	Uttarakhand	Haridwar
		Dehradun
	Himachal Pradesh	Hamirpur
		Mandi
		Kangra
		Chamba
	Jammu and Kashmir	Kulgam
		Anantnag
Budgam		
Srinagar		
Punjab	Pulwama	
	Rupnagar (Ropar)	
East and North East India		
2.	West Bengal	Kharagpur
		Bardhaman (Burdwan)
	Jharkhand	Lohardaga
		Hazaribagh
	Odisha	Cuttack
	Bihar	Patna
	Chhattisgarh	Jashpur
	Assam	Kamrup
		Cachar
	Meghalaya	East Khasi Hills
	Nagaland	Dimapur
		Kohima
		Wokha
		Zunheboto

		Peren
		Longleng
		Mokokchung
	Manipur	Bishnupur
	Mizoram	Aizawl
	Arunachal Pradesh	Papum pare
West India		
3.	Rajasthan	Jaipur
		Jodhpur
		Ajmer
		Bikaner
	Gujarat	Gandhinagar
		Surat
		Tapi
		Navsari
		Valsad
		Dang
	Madhya Pradesh	Jhabua
		Alirajpur
		Chhatarpur
		Datia
		Tikamgarh
		Panna
		Bhopal
	Maharashtra	Kolhapur
		Wardha
		Nagpur
		Akola
		Pune
		Solapur
		Raigarh
		Thane
		Ahmednagar
		Palgarh
Amravati		
Aurangabad		
Yavatmal		
South India		
4.	Telangana	Medak
		Warangal
	Tamil Nadu	Kancheepuram
		Thiruvallur
	Karnataka	Chamrajnagar
		Chitradurga
		Dharwad
	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram
	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
		Srikakulam
Chittoor		
