

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3321
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2018

Development of Backward Districts

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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of backward districts in the country including in Chhattisgarh, State-wise;
- (b) the practice being adopted to identify backward districts across the country; and
- (c) the names of the schemes being implemented by the Union Government at present for the comprehensive development of backward districts in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) and (b) NITI Aayog has identified 115 aspirational districts, which have shown lesser progress in various sectors as compared to other districts. These districts have been identified on the basis of a composite index which depends on progress of the districts in Health & Nutrition, Education and Basic Infrastructure. A State-wise list of the identified 115 aspirational districts, including Chhattisgarh is given at Annexure.

(c) The Union Government through different Central Sector Schemes/Central Sponsored Schemes is working in partnership with the State Governments to address the development needs in these 115 districts. For these districts, the strategy adopted is to bring convergence of the schemes of State and Central Government.

Annexure

**Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) and (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3321 to be answered on 15.03.2018
State-wise list of identified 115 Aspirational Districts**

| S.No. | State | NITI Aayog's 30 Districts | Ministries pool of 50 districts | MHA's 35 LWE Districts | Total number of Aspirational Districts |
|-------|-------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | - | 1. Vizainagram 2. Cuddapah | 1. Visakhapatnam | 3 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | - | 1. Namsai | - | 1 |
| 3. | Assam | 1. Darrang 2. Dhubri 3. Barpeta 4. Goalpara 5. Baksa | 1. Udalgiri 2. Hailakandi | - | 7 |
| 4. | Bihar | 1. Katihar 2. Begusarai 3. Sheikhpura 4. Araria 5. Sitamarhi | 1. Khagaria 2. Purnia | 1. Aurangabad 2. Banka 3. Gaya 4. Jamui 5. Muzaffarpur 6. Nawada | 13 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | - | 1. Korba 2. Mahasamund | 1. Bastar 2. Bijapur 3. Dantewada 4. Kanker 5. Kondagaon 6. Narayanpur 7. Rajnandgaon 8. Sukma | 10 |
| 6. | Gujarat | - | 1. Narmada 2. Dahod | - | 2 |
| 7. | Haryana | - | 1. Mewat | - | 1 |
| 8. | Himachal Pradesh | - | 1. Chamba | - | 1 |
| 9. | Jammu and Kashmir | - | 1. Kupwara 2. Baramula | - | 2 |
| 10. | Jharkhand | 1. Sahebganj 2. Pakaur | 1. Godda | 1. Latehar 2. Lohardaga 3. Palamu 4. PurbiSinghbhum 5. Ramgarh 6. Ranchi 7. Simdega 8. West Singhbhum 9. Bokaro 10. Chatra 11. Dumka 12. Garhwa | 19 |

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|-------|----------------|--|--|-----------------------------|--|
| | | | | 13. Girdih | |
| | | | | 14. Gumla | |
| | | | | 15. Hazaribagh | |
| | | | | 16. Khunti | |
| 11 | Karnataka | - | 1. Yadgir 2. Raichur | - | 2 |
| 12 | Kerala | - | 1. Wayanad | - | 1 |
| 13 | Madhya Pradesh | 1. Damoh 2. Singrauli 3. Barwani 4. Vidisha 5. Khandwa | 1. Chhatarpur 2. Rajgarh 3. Guna | - | 8 |
| 14 | Maharashtra | 1. Nandurbar | 1. Washim 2. Osmanabad | 1. Gadchiroli | 4 |
| 15 | Manipur | - | 1. Chandel | - | 1 |
| 16 | Meghalaya | - | 1. Ribhoi | - | 1 |
| 17 | Mizoram | - | 1. Mamit | - | 1 |
| 18 | Nagaland | - | 1. Kiphire | - | 1 |
| 19 | Odisha | 1. Rayagada 2. Kalahandi | 1. Kandhamal 2. Gajapati 3. Dhenkanal 4. Balangir | 1. Koraput 2. Malkangiri | 8 |
| 20 | Punjab | - | 1. Ferozpur 2. Moga | - | 2 |
| 21 | Rajasthan | 1. Baran 2. Jaisalmer | 1. Dholpur 2. Karauli 3. Sirohi | - | 5 |
| 22 | Sikkim | - | 1. West Sikkim | - | 1 |
| 23 | Tamil Nadu | - | 1. Ramanathapuram 2. Virudhunagar | - | 2 |
| 24 | Telangana | - | 1. Bhoopalpalli 2. Asifabad | 1. Khammam | 3 |
| 25 | Tripura | - | 1. Dhalai | - | 1 |
| 26 | Uttar Pradesh | 1. Chitrakoot 2. Balrampur 3. Bahraich 4. Sonbhadra 5. Shrawasti | 1. Chandauli 2. Siddharthnagar 3. Fatehpur | - | 8 |
| 27 | Uttarakhand | - | 1. Haridwar 2. Udham Singh Nagar | - | 2 |
| 28 | West Bengal | 1. Murshidabad 2. Maldah 3. Birbhum | 1. Nadia 2. Dakshin Dinajpur | - | 5 |
| | Total | 30 | 50 | 35 | 115 |
