

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No- 655
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th DECEMBER 2022**

HEALTHCARE FACILITIES IN ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS

655: SHRI NAMANAGESWARA RAO

Will the **MINISTER of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has taken cognizance of lack of healthcare facilities in remote rural areas, predominantly consisting of SC and ST population in Aspirational Districts across the country,
- (b) If so, the details of the measures taken to augment healthcare facilities in such areas; and
- (c) The details of the funds released by the Government for such purpose during the past five years, State and UT-wise?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) & (b): NITI Aayog implements the Aspirational Districts (AD) Programme since January 2018 for improving socio-economic indicators in the aspirational districts. There are 112 Aspirational Districts, across 26 States and one union territory (UT), under the program.

The broad strategy of the Aspirational Districts Programme rests on the 3 Cs – Convergence (between Central and State Schemes), Collaboration (between Centre, State, District Administration, Development Partners and Citizens) and Competition (between Districts).

Health and Nutrition has been given maximum weightage of 30% for ranking of districts under AD program with 13 core and 31 sub-core indicators/data points for monitoring the progress.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare provides hand-holding support to the districts for improving the Health component under the AD program. MoHFW prioritizes the implementation of the Health programs in the Aspirational Districts by allocation of additional resources. Monitoring and Supportive Supervision are done for these districts.

Since the launch of the program, districts have made significant progress on the key performance indicators monitored under the program, which is available in public domain on the Champions of Change Dashboard (maintained by NITI Aayog)

The main strategy of the Aspirational Districts program is based on convergence of existing schemes which have their own funding arrangement. However, in order to foster competitive spirit and for addressing the critical gaps, additional allocation via challenge route is provided by NITI Aayog. Every month the districts are assessed on basis of monthly progress and the best performing Districts in overall terms and in each of the five sectors are identified.

(c) The details of fund released by the Government for such purpose during the past five years, State and UT-wise, is provided as follows.

**Details of amount released for projects undertaken by Aspirational Districts
pertaining to Health and Nutrition Sector (State-wise)**

Sl No	State	Amount Released (in crores)
1	Andhra Pradesh	6.31
2	Arunachal Pradesh	6.91
3	Assam	38.04
4	Bihar	67.02
5	Chhattisgarh	31.36
6	Gujarat	1.80
7	Haryana	6.00
8	Himachal Pradesh	6.55
9	Jammu & Kashmir	7.84
10	Jharkhand	42.36
11	Karnataka	3.22
12	Kerala	5.15
13	Madhya Pradesh	33.91
14	Maharashtra	7.92
15	Manipur	7.31
16	Meghalaya	7.75
17	Mizoram	4.40
18	Nagaland	1.67
19	Odisha	18.72
20	Punjab	10.76
21	Rajasthan	16.35
22	Sikkim	2.76
23	Tamil Nadu	5.97
24	Telangana	23.08
25	Tripura	9.56
26	Uttar Pradesh	33.61
27	Uttarakhand	8.99