

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 82
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2022

ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS PROGRAMME IN JHARKHAND

82. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of districts identified in Jharkhand under the Aspirational Districts Programme;
- (b) the details of the development works carried out in the said districts along with the details of the institutes/ agencies carrying out the said works particularly in Giridih, Bokaro and Dhanbad districts;
- (c) the details of the amount of funds allocated for the said programme, district-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to cover more districts under the said programme in view of high unemployment rate in various districts of Jharkhand; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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 CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- a) 19 districts are identified in Jharkhand under the Aspirational Districts Programme. The list of Aspirational Districts in the State of Jharkhand is provided in Annexure I.
- b) The programme aims at rapid transformation of these relatively underdeveloped districts across sectors which are critical for improving quality of life or economic productivity of citizens. These sectors are Health and Nutrition, School Education and Basic Infrastructure, and also Agriculture and Water Resources and Financial Inclusion & Skill Development. 49 key performance indicators have been selected across these sectors and a district's performance is monitored on the basis of progress made on these indicators on a monthly basis which is available in the public domain on the Champions of Change Dashboard (<http://championsofchange.gov.in/site/coc-home/>). This includes performance of Giridih and Bokaro districts. Dhanbad is not an Aspirational District.

The broad strategy of the Programme is to not to run any additional scheme, but to ensure that development works under the existing schemes of Central and the State Governments

are implemented efficiently to make improvement in the key performance indicators. Every month, districts are ranked on the basis of progress made on the key performance indicators. Another strategy of the programme is nomination of Joint Secretary/Additional Secretary level officials from Government of India as Central Prabhari Officers for each of the district. The role of these Prabhari Officers is to guide the district administration on basis of their long experience.

In a short span of time, due to close monitoring and competition, the Aspirational Districts of Jharkhand have made significant progress across different sectors.

- c) As the main strategy of the programme is based on convergence of existing schemes which have their own funding arrangement, infusion of additional fund is not envisaged under the Aspirational Districts Programme. However, as instilling a sense of healthy competition among district teams for better performance is a key strategy, top performing districts are given performance grant as additional allocation. Funds allocated to the Aspirational Districts of Jharkhand based on their performance is placed at Annexure-II.
- d) and e) No Sir. At present, there is no proposal to include more districts under the Programme.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 82 FOR 7.12.2022 BY SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY REGARDING ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS PROGRAMME IN JHARKHAND

List of Aspirational Districts in Jharkhand

Serial No	Districts
1	Bokaro
2	Chatra
3	Dumka
4	Garhwa
5	Giridih
6	Godda
7	Gumla
8	Hazaribagh
9	Khunti
10	Latehar
11	Lohardaga
12	Pakur
13	Palamu
14	Pashchimi Singhbhum
15	Purbi Singhbhum
16	Ramgarh
17	Ranchi
18	Sahibganj
19	Simdega

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Details of Funds allocated to districts on the basis of performance

Name of the District	Amount allocated on the basis of performance (₹ crore)
Garhwa	10.00
Gumla	5.88
Khunti	11.00
Latehar	4.89
Lohardaga	5.00
Pakur	4.92
Palamu	9.67
Purbi Singhbhum	3.00
Ranchi	5.00
Sahibganj	13.13
Simdega	19.72
Bokaro	1.50
Godda	1.42
Paschimi Singhbhum	1.31
Provided to Govt of Jharkhand for ICT project	20.25