

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 91
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023

DEVELOPMENT WORKS IN ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS

*91. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has been implementing development works in aspirational districts to remove their backwardness;
- (b) if so, the details of all works done in Bolangir district of Odisha so far along with the details of agencies carrying out the said works;
- (c) the details of funds allocated for the said programme in Bolangir district, year-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has nominated Joint Secretary/Additional Secretary level officials as Central Prabhari Officers for each of the aspirational districts and if so, the details thereof including Bolangir indicating the duties performed by the said officers so far;
- (e) whether Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) have been allotted to each district for works under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and if so, the details thereof along with the works done and funds spent under CSR by PSEs in Bolangir so far, year-wise and PSE-wise; and
- (f) the other steps being taken by the Government for development of Bolangir district?

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

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Answer (a) to (f) laid on the table.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *91 REGARDING ‘DEVELOPMENT WORKS IN ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS’ RAISED BY SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO FOR ANSWER ON 08TH FEBRUARY, 2023.

- (a). Yes, Sir. The Aspirational Districts Programme was launched for rapid transformation of 112 relatively underdeveloped Districts. Some of the salient features of this Programme include identification of sectors which are critical for improving quality of life and/ or economic productivity of citizens. These sectors are Health and Nutrition, School Education, Agriculture and Water Resources, Financial Inclusion and Skill Development and Basic Infrastructure. 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. Every month, districts are assessed on the basis of monthly progress and the best performing District in overall terms, in each of the five sectors, are identified. The first and second rankers in overall terms are awarded Rs. 10 crores and Rs. 5 crores respectively. The first ranker from each of the five sectors is awarded Rs. 3 crores each.

Based on the performance grant as mentioned above, districts undertake specific projects to address critical needs felt by them. This robust monitoring and ranking of the districts instill them with a sense of competition which results in rapid improvement.

All Aspirational Districts have seen improvement since inception of the Programme. However, every district varies from others in its strengths and challenges, and accordingly, so does its performance. Details of district-wise performance (overall) since inception for aspirational districts is available on the Champions of Change Portal (<http://championsofchange.gov.in/site/coc-home/>) which is in the public domain.

- (b) and (c). As stated in (a) above, every month, districts register their progress in key performance indicators of these sectors and are ranked on the basis of performance, and allocated a performance grant. Till date, a total of 13 Cr has been allocated to District Bolangir on the basis of its performance. Using this reward money Bolangir district has undertaken specific projects to address critical needs felt by them. The specific projects undertaken by District Bolangir are given in the table below:

Name of the Project	Amount (Cr)
Supply of gas Cylinders to AnganWadi Centres	Rs. 1.53 Cr
Strengthening of 7 Delivery Points in 5 blocks	Rs. 0.48 Cr
Quality Diagnostic Services at	Rs. 2.14 Cr

Name of the Project	Amount (Cr)
PHCs, SHCs and Mobile Health Units	
Climate Smart Agriculture through Promoting Improved Agronomic Packages and Practices for Sustainable Agriculture	Rs. 2.39 Cr
EDUCATION- Creation of e-smart classroom, setting up of science laboratory cum reading room	Rs. 4.44 Cr
EDUCATION – Setting up of 2 hostels for children of migrants	Rs. 2.02Cr
Total	Rs. 13 Cr

- (d) Yes, Sir. One of the strategies of the programme is nomination of Joint Secretary/Additional Secretary level officials from Government of India as Central Prabhari Officers for each district. The Central Prabhari Officer for Bolangir is Shri Chandra Shekhar Kumar, JS, Ministry of Panchayati Raj. The role of these Prabhari Officers is to guide the district administration on the basis of their long experience. In addition, the Central Prabhari Officer of Bolangir has already conducted field visits in the District and recommended several projects undertaken by the District as specified in (b).
- (e) Yes, Sir. As per an Office Memorandum dated 10th December, 2018 issued by Department of Public Enterprises to secretaries of ministries concerned with all CSR eligible CPSEs and Chief Executives of all CSR eligible CPSEs the CPSEs which are assigned to undertake CSR activities in Balangir district are HPCL, BPCL, Cotton Corporation of India Ltd, Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd and Engineers India Ltd. The details of works done and funds spent under CSR by CPSEs are given in **Annexure**.
- (f) Aspirational Districts Programme is in the nature of an additionality. The implementation of various schemes is coordinated by the District/ State/ Union Territory administration.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *91 REGARDING 'DEVELOPMENT WORKS IN ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS' RAISED BY SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO FOR ANSWER ON 08TH FEBRUARY, 2023.

Details of works done and funds spent under CSR by CPSEs

Sl No.	Name of CPSE	Fund Allocated	Year
1.	Mahanadi Coalfield Limited, Burla	Rs. 1,09,42,755/-	2021
		Rs. 2,18,85,510/-	2022
2.	Central Warehousing Corporation	Rs. 25,00,000/-	2022

Sl no	Name of the Project	Total Project Cost(in Rs)
1	Development of Divyang School, Balangir	7,35,000/-
2	Development of Leprosy colony in three locations (1*3)	41,00,000/-
3	Construction of two community hall at leprosy colony at Puintala & Gaintala	70,00,000/-
4	Development of Sports infrastructure in the hostel	19,98,000/-
5	Student motivational Programme at Govt. ITI, Balangir	4,72,000/-
6	Construction of road (650 m) on the west side of Govt. Polytechnic, Balangir	57,47,720/-
7	Equipment and machineries for Govt. Polytechnic, Balangir	16,57,000/-
8	Hand operated portable fogging machine at 14 community health centres and 5 urban local bodies	16,00,000/-
9	17 Diesel Generators (5 KV) for 2 community health centres, 13 primary health centres and 2 sub centres in Balangir District	35,56,970/-

10	Upgradation of Labour Rooms at 7 PHCs	19,00,000/-
11	Construction of four public toilets in four different CHCs	31,80,000/-
12	Improvement of road from Pandesara Kulari Nallah bridge to Bharsuja in Agalpur Block	30,00,000
	Total	3,49,46,690