

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1026
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ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS SCHEME

1026. SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of Aspirational District Scheme along with the details of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this scheme in Karnataka and Bihar during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of the number of districts identified/ covered under this scheme in Karnataka and Bihar so far;
- (c) whether the Government have given priority to some specific regions in these districts and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the target fixed and achieved till date in these districts?

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) There are 112 Aspirational Districts, across 26 States and 1 Union Territory. As regards to the salient features of the programme, it aims at rapid transformation of these backward districts across sectors which are critical for improving quality of life 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. 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). Every month, districts register their progress in key performance indicators of

these sectors and are ranked on the basis of performance. This robust monitoring and ranking of the districts instills them with a sense of competition which results in rapid improvement. 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 districts. The role of these Prabhari Officers is to guide the district administration on the basis of their long experience.

As the main strategy of the programme is based on convergence of existing schemes which have their own funding arrangement, large infusion of additional funds is not envisaged. However, in order to foster competitive spirit, and for addressing the critical gaps, additional allocation on challenge routes is also envisaged. 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.

Details of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this scheme in Karnataka and Bihar during the last three years and the current year are provided in Annexure - I.

- (b) The details of the number of districts identified/ covered under this scheme in Karnataka and Bihar so far, is attached as Annexure – II.
- (c) The Aspirational District Programme covers relatively underdeveloped districts from across the country. While even among these Districts there are contextual differences, the program provides the same monitoring framework for each and encourages all Districts to improve performance based on identification of laggard indicators.
- (d) The Aspirational Districts Programme does not specify any targets. Instead, the Programme has a list of indicators under the specific focus areas mentioned in (a) above, on the basis of which the blocks are to be monitored. This list of indicators is provided at Annexure III.

ANNEXURE – I

Details of funds allocated and released under this scheme in Karnataka and Bihar

S.No.	State	District	Amount Allocated (In Cr)	Amount Released (In Cr)
1.	Bihar	Araria	7.00	4.00
2.		Aurangabad	14.00	11.00
3.		Banka	14.00	9.00
4.		Begusarai	18.00	11.00
5.		Gaya	17.00	6.90
6.		Jamui	13.00	8.20
7.		Katihar	16.00	7.90
8.		Khagaria	23.00	19.50
9.		Muzaffarpur	18.00	6.00
10.		Nawada	26.00	23.00
11.		Purnia	13.00	8.00
12.		Sheikhpura	8.00	3.20
13.		Sitamarhi	6.25	–
1.	Karnataka	Raichur	8.21	5.20
2.		Yadgir	17.18	11.40

ANNEXURE-II**State-wise list of all Aspirational Districts**

S. No.	State	District
1	Bihar	Sitamarhi
2	Bihar	Araria
3	Bihar	Purnia
4	Bihar	Katihar
5	Bihar	Muzaffarpur
6	Bihar	Begusarai
7	Bihar	Khagaria
8	Bihar	Banka
9	Bihar	Sheikhpura
10	Bihar	Aurangabad
11	Bihar	Gaya
12	Bihar	Nawada
13	Bihar	Jamui
14	Karnataka	Raichur
15	Karnataka	Yadgir

ANNEXURE - III

List of indicators on which Districts are ranked

S. No.	Key Performance Indicators
1.1	Percentage of Pregnant Women receiving four or more antenatal care check-ups against total ANC registration
1.2	Percentage of ANC registered within the first trimester against total ANC registration
1.3	Percentage of pregnant women (PW) registered for ANC against estimated pregnancies
2	Percentage of pregnant women taking Supplementary Nutrition under the ICDS programme regularly
3.1	Percentage of Pregnant having severe anaemia treated, against PW having severe anaemia tested cases.
3.2	Percentage of Pregnant Women tested for Haemoglobin (Hb) 4 or more times for respective ANCs, against total ANC registration
4.1	Sex Ratio at birth
4.2	Percentage of institutional deliveries out of total estimated deliveries
5	Percentage of home deliveries attended by an SBA (Skilled Birth Attendance) out of total Home deliveries
6.1	Percentage of new-borns breastfed within one hour of birth
6.2	Percentage of live born infants with a birth weight 2500 gms
6.3	Proportion of live babies weighed at birth
7	Percentage of underweight children under 5 years
8.1	Percentage of stunted children under 5 years
8.2	Percentage of children with Diarrhoea treated with ORS
8.3	Percentage of children with Diarrhoea treated with Zinc
8.4	Percentage of children with ARI in the last 2 weeks taken to a health facility
9.1	Percentage of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)
9.2	Percentage of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM)
10.1	Breastfeeding children receiving adequate diet (6-23 months)
10.2	Non-Breastfeeding children receiving adequate diet (6-23 months)
11	Percentage of children fully immunized (9-11 months) (BCG+ DPT3 + OPV3 + Measles1)
12.1	Tuberculosis (TB) case notification rate (Public and Private Institutions) as against estimated cases

12.2	TB Treatment success rate among notified TB patients (public and private)
13.1	Establishment of Health & Wellness Centres (HWCs)
13.2	Proportion of Primary Health Centers compliant to Indian Public Health Standards
13.3	functional FRUs (First referral units) rate
13.4	Availability of specialist services in District hospitals against IPHS norms
13.5	Conduct of village health, Sanitation, Nutrition Days
13.6	Proportion of Anganwadis with own buildings
13.7	Percentage of First referral units (FRU) having labour room and obstetrics OT NQAS certified (i.e., meet LaQShya guidelines)
14.1	Transition Rate (a) Primary to Upper Primary level
14.2	(b) Upper Primary to Secondary level
15	Toilet access: % schools with functional girls' toilets
16	Learning outcomes (Average in government schools) (a) Mathematics performance in Class 3 (b) Language performance in Class 3 (c) Mathematics performance in Class 5 (d) Language performance in Class 5 (e) Mathematics performance in Class 8 (f) Language performance in Class 8
17	Female literacy rate (15+ Age group)
18	Percentage of schools with functional drinking water facility
19	Percentage of schools with functional electricity facility at secondary level
20	Percentage of elementary schools complying with RTE specified Pupil Teacher Ratio
21	Percentage of schools providing textbooks to children within 1 month of start of the academic session
22	Water Positive investments and Employment
(a)	Percentage of net sown area under micro-irrigation
(b)	Number of water bodies rejuvenated under MGNREGA
23	Crop Insurance- Percentage of net sown area under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
24	Increase in Critical Inputs usage and supply
(a)	3 (a) Percentage increase in agricultural credit
(b)	3 (b) Certified quality seed distribution
25	Number of mandi in the district linked to electronic market
26	A) Percentage change in Price Realization (Wheat) B) Percentage change in Price Realization (Paddy Common, Paddy Grade A)
27	Percentage share of high value crops to total sown area in district

28	Agricultural productivity of 2 major crops
29	Percentage of animals vaccinated
30	Artificial Insemination coverage
31	Number of Soil Health Cards distributed
32	Total Disbursement of Mudra loan (in rupees) per 1 Lakh population
33	Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY): Number of Enrolments per 1 Lakh population
34	Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY): Number of Enrolments per 1 Lakh population
35	Atal Pension Yojana (APY): Number of Beneficiaries per 1 Lakh population
36	Percentage of bank accounts seeded with Aadhaar as a percentage of total banking accounts
37	Number of accounts opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana
38	No of youth certified in short term and long-term training [#] schemes / no of youth in district in age group 15-29*
39	No of certified youth employed [#] /No of youth trained under short term and long-term training
40	Number of Apprentices completing/Total number of trainees registered on the portal
41	No of people certified under Recognition of Prior Learning [#] / Non formally skilled workforce **
42	Number of Vulnerable/Marginalized youth certified trained under short term and long term training a) Women - certified trained, b) SC - certified trained c) ST - certified trained d) OBC - certified trained e) Minorities - certified trained f) Differently abled - certified trained) / Total Number of youth certified trained
43	Percentage of households with electricity connection
44	Percentage of Gram panchayats with internet connection
45	(a) Percentage of habitations with access to all weather roads under PMGSY (b) Cumulative number of kilometres of all-weather road work completed as a percentage of total sanctioned kilometres in the district under PMGSY
46	Percentage of households with Individual Household Latrines
47	Percentage of Rural habitations with access to adequate quantity of potable water - 40 lpcd drinking water in rural
48	Coverage/ establishment of Common Service Centres at Gram Panchayat level
49	Number of pucca houses constructed for household who are shelter-less or having one room with kuchha wall and kuchha roof or having 2 room with kuchha wall and roof