

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2356
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023

ASPIRATIONAL BLOCKS PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether building on the success of the Aspirational Districts Programme, the Government has recently launched the Aspirational Blocks Programme covering 500 blocks for saturation of essential Government services across multiple domains such as health, nutrition, education, agriculture, water resources, financial inclusion, skill development and basic infrastructure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made till now along with the funds sanctioned/spent in each district till date, State-wise;
- (c) the details of blocks which are likely to be covered under Aspirational Blocks programme in the State of Telangana, district-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government has taken Statespecific contextual needs for better filling the critical gaps in the blocks and if so, the details thereof?

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) Yes, the Aspirational Blocks Programme was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 7th January, 2023 and is based on the template of the Aspirational Districts Programme.
- (b) The Aspirational Blocks Programme is in the initial phase of implementation and no funds has been sanctioned till date under this programme.

- (c) The district-wise details of blocks which are likely to be covered under the Aspirational Blocks Programme in Telangana are provided in **Annexure I**.
- (d) Yes, in order to take into account the state-specific contextual needs, States are free to choose indicators over and above the common indicator framework of the Aspirational Blocks Programme.

Annexure I

List of Blocks Selected in the State of Telengana

District	Block
Bhadradi-Kothagudem	Gundala
Mahabubabad	Gangaram
Nirmal	Pembi
Jayashankar Bhupalapally	Maha Mutharam
Jayashankar Bhupalapally	Permila
Jayashankar Bhupalapally	Kannaigudem
Jogulamba Gadwal	Ghattu
Narayanpet	Narwa
Kumuram Bheem -Asifabad	Tiriyani
Adilabad	Narnoor