

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5384
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2023

IDENTIFICATION OF ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS

†5384. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the methodology adopted by the Government for the identification of aspirational districts across the country;
- (b) the basis and the mechanism through which the aspirational districts in Bihar have been identified by the Government;
- (c) whether there is any provision or scheme to include the border areas of Bihar which are flood affected and most backward like Supaul, Saharsa, Madhubani and Madhepura; and
- (d) 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

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- (a) The aspirational districts were selected through a transparent process on the basis of published data. List of data sets and the weight attached to them for selection of these districts is attached in **Annexure - I**.
- (b) The aspirational districts of Bihar were also selected on the basis of the process described in (a). As per this method, eight districts of Bihar were identified as Aspirational Districts. In addition, five districts identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs in Bihar as districts adversely affected by the Left Wing Extremists were also termed as Aspirational Districts. List of 13 Aspirational districts in Bihar is attached in **Annexure-II**.
- (c) and (d) 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. 5384 FOR 05.04.2023 BY SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT: REGARDING IDENTIFICATION OF ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS

List of data sets and weights used for selection of Aspirational Districts

DATABASES	SECTOR	WEIGHT
Landless households dependent on Manual labour (<i>Socio Economic Caste Census – Deprivation 7</i>)	Deprivation (25%)	25%
Ante natal care (<i>National Family and Health Survey (NFHS) - 4</i>)	Health & Nutrition (30%)	7.5%
Institutional delivery (<i>NFHS-4</i>)		7.5%
Stunting of children below 5 years (<i>NFHS-4</i>)		7.5%
Wasting in children below 5 years (<i>NFHS-4</i>)		7.5%
Elementary dropout rate (<i>Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE) 2015-16</i>)	Education (15%)	7.5%
Adverse pupil teacher ratio (<i>U-DISE 2015-16</i>)		7.5%
Un-electrified households (<i>Ministry of Power</i>)	Infra (30%)	7.5%
Households without individual toilets (<i>Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation</i>)		7.5%
Un-connected PMGSY village (<i>Ministry of Rural Development</i>)		7.5%
Rural Household without access to water (<i>Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation</i>)		7.5%
Total		100%

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5384 FOR 05.042023 BY SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT: REGARDING IDENTIFICATION OF ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS

List of 13 Aspirational Districts of Bihar

Sl No	District
1	Araria
2	Aurangabad
3	Banka
4	Begusarai
5	Gaya
6	Jamui
7	Katihar
8	Khagaria
9	Muzaffarpur
10	Nawada
11	Purnia
12	Sheikhpura
13	Sitamarhi
