

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 928
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023

ASPIRATIONAL BLOCK PROGRAMME

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SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has planned to launch the Aspirational Blocks Programme in the country, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the details of funds estimated for it;
- (b) the details of the number of States likely to be covered under this programme initially;
- (c) whether the Government has identified locations likely to be covered under this programme in the country and if so, the details of the locations identified in Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Assam;
- (d) the details of the number of fields likely to be covered under this programme in the country; and
- (e) the details of the target set under this programme and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

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 Blocks Programme was launched on 7th January 2023. The Programme derives inspiration from block-level programmes which were already in place in several States and is based on the template of the Aspirational Districts Programme that was launched on 5th January 2018.

The aim of the Aspirational Districts Programme is to rapidly transform relatively underdeveloped districts across sectors which are critical for improving quality of life or economic productivity of citizens. The Aspirational Blocks Programmes seeks to utilise a similar template at the block level, with the idea that even within districts there are certain pockets of underdevelopment which require more focus. The main strategy of the Aspirational Blocks Programme is based on convergence of existing schemes which have

their own funding arrangement, therefore large infusion of additional fund is not envisaged at this stage.

- (b) The Aspirational Blocks Programme is a nationwide programme. It covers 27 States and 4 Union Territories. A list of the States/ UTs part of the programme is provided at **Annexure I**.
- (c) Yes, the blocks to be covered under the Programme have been identified in consultation with the States. The details of the blocks identified in Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Assam are provided in **Annexure II**.
- (d) The Programme focuses on the following sectors which are critical for improving quality of life or economic productivity of citizens viz. Social Development, Health and Nutrition, Education, Agriculture, Basic Infrastructure, Financial Inclusion and Skill Development. Further, given that each State has its own contextual needs, all States have the freedom to choose sectors over and above the ones already identified.
- (e) The Aspirational Blocks Programme does not specify any targets. Instead, the Programme has a list of indicators under the specific focus areas mentioned in (d) above, on the basis of which the blocks are to be monitored.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) of LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 928 FOR 08.02.2023 REGARDING ASPIRATIONAL BLOCK PROGRAMME BY SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA: DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY: SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

List of States/ UTs under the Aspirational Blocks Programme

S.No.	Name of the State/ UT
States	
1.	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Arunachal Pradesh
3.	Assam
4.	Bihar
5.	Chhattisgarh
6.	Gujarat
7.	Haryana
8.	Himachal Pradesh
9.	Jharkhand
10.	Karnataka
11.	Kerala
12.	Madhya Pradesh
13.	Maharashtra
14.	Manipur
15.	Meghalaya
16.	Mizoram
17.	Nagaland
18.	Odisha
19.	Punjab
20.	Rajasthan
21.	Sikkim
22.	Tamil Nadu

23.	Telangana
24.	Tripura
25.	Uttar Pradesh
26.	Uttarakhand
27.	West Bengal
Union Territories	
28.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands
29.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu
30.	Jammu and Kashmir
31.	Ladakh

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List of Blocks Selected in the States of Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Assam

S.No.	State	District	Block
1.	Assam	Baksa	Tamulpur
2.		Barpeta	Mandia
3.		Darrang	Pub-Mangaldai
4.		Dhubri	Birshing-Jarua
5.		Goalpara	Lakhipur
6.		Hailakandi	South Hailakandi
7.		Udalguri	Bhergaon
8.		Cachar	Lakhipur
9.		Dhemaji	Murgkongselek
10.		Dima Hasao	Diyang Valley
11.		Dima Hasao	Diyungbra
12.		Dima Hasao	Jatinga Valley
13.		Dima Hasao	New Sangbar
14.		Karbi Anglong	Nilip
15.		Karbi Anglong	Rongmongwe
16.		Karbi Anglong	Samelangso
17.		Ss Mankachar	Fekamari
18.		West Karbi Anglong	Amri

19.		West Karbi Anglong	Chinthong
20.		West Karbi Anglong	Socheng
1.	Rajasthan	Baran	Kishanganj
2.		Dholpur	Baseri
3.		Jaisalmer	Fathegarh
4.		Karauli	Masalpur
5.		Sirohi	Aburoad
6.		Alwar	Nimrana
7.		Banswara	Sajjangarh
8.		Barmer	Ramsar
9.		Bharatpur	Weir
10.		Bhilwara	Kotri
11.		Bikaner	Kolayat
12.		Bundi	K.Patan
13.		Chittorgarh	Nimbhahera
14.		Churu	Rajgarh
15.		Dausa	Ramgarh Pachwara
16.		Dungarpur	Jonthari
17.		Hanumangarh	Sangaria
18.		Jalore	Ahore
19.		Jhalawar	Khanpur
20.		Jodhpur	Shergarh
21.		Nagaur	Jayel

22.		Pali	Rani
23.		Pratapgarh	Peepkhoont
24.		Rajsamand	Bheem
25.		S. Madhopur	Gangapur
26.		Tonk	Peepu
27.		Udaipur	Kherwara
1.		Tamil Nadu	Ariyalur
2.	Kallakurichi		Kalvarayan Hills
3.	Karur		Thogaimala
4.	Perambalur		Alathur
5.	Pudhukottai		Thiruvarankulam
6.	Ramanathapuram		Thiruvadani
7.	Ranipet		Timri
8.	Sivagangai		Thirupathur
9.	The Nilgiris		Kothagiri
10.	Thenkasi		Melaneelithanallur
11.	Thiruvannamalai		Javvadhu Hills
12.	Tiruchirapalli		Thuraiyur
13.	Tirunelveli		Nanguneri
14.	Vellore		K.V.Kuppam
15.	Villupuram		Thiruvannainallur
16.	Virudhunagar		Thiruchuli