

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 935
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023

ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS OF ANDHRA PRADESH

935. SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of progress in focused areas in the identified districts of Andhra Pradesh for the last three years;
- (b) the details of methodology followed in Delta Ranking of Aspirational districts;
- (c) whether the Government is considering addition of more districts under the scheme from the State of Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures being taken by the Government to ensure development of Aspirational 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) The Aspirational Districts Programme monitors the progress of Aspirational Districts on 49 Key Performance Indicators across sectors, critical for improving quality of life or economic productivity of citizens viz., health, nutrition, school education, agriculture and water resource management, financial inclusion, skill development and basic infrastructure.

Details of district-wise performance (overall) since inception for the aspirational districts of the State of Andhra Pradesh are attached as **Annexure**.

The same is also available on the Champions of Change Portal (<http://championsofchange.gov.in/site/coc-home/>), which is in the public domain.

- (b) Every month, districts register their progress in the key performance indicators of the sectors mentioned in (a) above and are ranked on the basis of performance. The ranking is based on real progress in these key performance indicators in a month. This system therefore allows even the most underdeveloped district to secure a good rank in case they improve their

performance in a month's time. Similarly, the best performing district(s) on the basis of monthly progress are also captured in different sectors - health & nutrition, school education, agriculture & water resources, financial inclusion & skill development and basic infrastructure – and are identified every month and their good performance is recognised and encouraged.

Details of monthly rankings are available on the Champions of Change Portal (<http://championsofchange.gov.in/site/coc-home/>), which is in the public domain.

- (c) No Sir. There is no consideration of adding more districts under the scheme from the State of Andhra Pradesh, at present.
- (d) The Aspirational Districts Programme provides a monitoring framework to assist the district administration to assess the progress made and identify gaps remaining. This is also meant to assist the district in planning and execution of all its works, particularly in the focus areas of the programme. The programme focuses on 49 indicators across sectors of health, nutrition, school education, agriculture and water resource management, financial inclusion, skill development and basic infrastructure. Every month, districts register their progress in key performance indicators of these sectors and are ranked on the basis of performance, and allocated a nominal performance grant. 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 instils them with a sense of competition which results in rapid improvement.

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). 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.

In addition, the Programme records the performance of all the districts on the Champions of Change Portal (<http://championsofchange.gov.in/site/coc-home/>) which is in the public domain. Placing the web portal in public domain assists the district administration and the States concerned to monitor the progress made under this programme.

ANNEXURE**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 935 FOR 08.02.2023 BY SHRI KURUVA GORANTLA MADHAV: REGARDING ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS OF ANDHRA PRADESH****Status of Progress of Aspirational Districts of Andhra Pradesh since inception**

| S.No. | % Improvement Since Inception | Alluri Sitaramaraju* | Parvathipuram Manyam* | Y.S.R (Kadapa) |
|--------------|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Overall | 17.44 | 20.8 | 18.4 |
| 2. | Health & Nutrition | 15.17 | 12.64 | 7.24 |
| 3. | Education | 30.1 | 27.95 | 25.48 |
| 4. | Agriculture & Water Resources | 11.8 | 19.93 | 23.08 |
| 5. | Financial Inclusion and Skill Development | 24.35 | 24.01 | 11.81 |
| 6. | Basic Infrastructure | 16.99 | 17.26 | 18.17 |

* Alluri Sitaramaraju District was carved out of erstwhile Aspirational District of Visakhapatnam and Parvathipuram Manyam District was carved out of erstwhile Aspirational District of Vizianagaram on 25th January 2022. Alluri Sitaramaraju District and Parvathipuram Manyam District are now part of the Aspirational Districts Programme. As they have been onboarded recently, the % improvement shown here is for erstwhile Aspirational Districts of Visakhapatnam and Vizianagaram as of October 2022. The information for District Y.S.R. is as of November 2022.