

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 593
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023

ASPIRATIONAL BLOCKS PROGRAMME

593. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to launch the Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP) within the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the funds estimated for this programme;
- (c) the details of the number of States likely to be covered under this programme initially;
- (d) 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 within Assam; 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

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) Yes Sir, the Aspirational Blocks Programme was launched on 7th January 2023 by Govt of India and is anchored by NITI Aayog. The Aspirational Blocks Programme is a nationwide programme covering 500 blocks which focuses on improving governance to enhance the quality of life of citizens in the most difficult and underdeveloped blocks of India by converging existing schemes, defining outcomes, and monitoring them on a constant basis.
- (b) The main strategy of the Aspirational Blocks Programme is based on convergence of existing schemes which have their own funding arrangement. However, an amount of Rs. 100 crores have been approved by the Department of Expenditure for the Financial Year 2023-24 for various activities under the Aspirational Blocks Programme.

- (c) 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.
- (d) Yes Sir, the blocks to be covered under the Programme have been identified by an Inter-Ministerial Committee in consultation with the States/UTs. The details of the 20 blocks identified in Assam are provided in Annexure II.
- (e) The Programme has a list of indicators under the themes such as Health and Nutrition, Education, Agriculture and Allied Services, Basic Infrastructure, and Social Development, on the basis of which the progress made by blocks are to be monitored. The programme envisions that the Aspirational Blocks would surpass the State/UT average and National average of these indicators in a time bound manner.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) of LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 593 FOR 06.12.2023 REGARDING ASPIRATIONAL BLOCKS PROGRAMME BY 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

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) of LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 593 FOR 06.12.2023 REGARDING ASPIRATIONAL BLOCKS PROGRAMME BY SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

List of Blocks Selected in the State of Assam

S.No.	State	District	Block
1.	Assam	Baksa (Tamulpur)	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
