#### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF PLANNING

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2806 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2020

#### FUNDS TO ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS

## †2806. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH: SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the districts provided funds through aspirational district scheme for the development of backward regions of Jharkhand during the last three years, district and year-wise;
- (b) the funds used thereunder during the said years; and
- (c) the development work carried out in the aspirational districts through the said funds?

#### **ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

## (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) The Aspirational Districts Programme launched on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 aims to bring transformative changes in the most under-developed districts of India called Aspirational Districts. As the main strategy of the Programme is based on convergence of existing schemes which have their own funding arrangement, large infusion of additional fund is not envisaged. However, in order to foster competitive spirit and for addressing the critical gaps, additional allocation on challenge route is also envisaged. Under this arrangement Purbi Singhbhum has been sanctioned Rs.2.99 crores in the month of January 2020; Khunti Rs. 3 crore in the month of December 2019 and Pakur Rs.4.92 crore in January 2020.
- (b) As these funds have been sanctioned recently, the projects are under implementation.
- (c) For Purbi Singhbhum the funds have been released for projects proposed by the District in Health & Nutrition Sector; for Khunti in Education Sector and for Pakur in Health & Nutrition and Education Sectors. As stated above, since the projects of the districts have been sanctioned recently, currently, they are in the initial stage of implementation.