

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 350
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH MARCH, 2021
ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICT PROGRAMME FOR HEALTHCARE
FACILITIES**

***350. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI NISITH PRAMANIK:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry has been implementing Aspirational District Programme for improving healthcare facilities in the targeted districts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including achievements under the programme so far, district-wise;
- (c) the details of funds allocated for healthcare facilities under the programme so far, district-wise;
- (d) whether health and nutrition constitute major weightage in selection of Aspirational Districts in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether these districts are lagging behind from other parts of the country in terms of major health indicators and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (f) the remedial steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)**

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) The Government of India has launched the 'Transformation of Aspirational Districts (ADs)' initiative anchored at NITI Aayog in 112 ADs across 27 states. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) is supporting the States in implementing the Health initiatives in these districts.

(b) Since the inception of the programme in January 2018, ADs in general have shown significant improvement with respect to the Health and Nutrition indicators as highlighted under the AD program. While most of the districts have improved, some of the districts have shown very rapid progress.

District wise details about the achievement in health and nutrition sector as per Champions of Change dashboard by NITI Aayog is attached as *Annexure I (District wise composite score and Delta ranking as on May'18 and Jan'21)*.

(c) As the main strategy of the program 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 via challenge route is provided by NITI Aayog.

As of February 2021, a total of approximately Rs. 139 crores have been disbursed to 53 Aspirational Districts during FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 for undertaking projects in the Health & Nutrition sector by NITI Aayog based on the challenge route. The district-wise details of funds disbursed by NITI Aayog funding scheme for undertaking projects in the Health & Nutrition sector is attached as *Annexure II*.

(d) Yes, Health and Nutrition have been assigned maximum weightage of 30%.

(e) NITI Aayog has identified these relatively underdeveloped districts by ranking them on deprivation and status of other critical sectors like health and nutrition, education among others.

(f) To provide focused attention for overall development of these ADs, the government has nominated senior officers of the rank of Joint Secretary/Additional Secretary as Central Prabhari Officers for each of the 112 districts. The role of these Prabhari Officers is to guide the district administration, on basis of their long experience, for progress in all the focus areas of the program. MoHFW has developed various tools such as Health Atlas, Operational guidelines and Supportive Supervision checklists to monitor and provide technical assistance for improving the Health interventions across the ADs.

Special provisions for AD program under National Health Mission include extra financial resources for ADs, relaxation of norms for hiring of manpower, flexibility to hire specialists with top up allowances and priority sanctions of infrastructure development in ADs.

Delta Ranking of Aspirational Districts (Health & Nutrition) from Champions of Change Dashboard. (<http://championsofchange.gov.in/site/coc-home/>)

State Name	District Name	Composite Score		Delta Ranking	
		May-18	Jan-21	May-18	Jan-21
Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam	72.1	73.9	32	19
Andhra Pradesh	Vizianagaram	80.4	85.4	99	98
Andhra Pradesh	Y.S.R.	81.8	82.1	79	62
Arunachal Pradesh	Namsai	47.4	69	112	36
Assam	Baksa	63.9	68.6	98	15
Assam	Barpeta	57.6	65.8	7	69
Assam	Darrang	56.9	69.9	16	109
Assam	Dhubri	58.7	62.7	94	107
Assam	Goalpara	59.3	72.2	25	67
Assam	Hailakandi	67.1	73.8	20	76
Assam	Udalguri	51.6	58.1	16	105
Bihar	Araria	46.5	57.7	93	29
Bihar	Aurangabad	55.7	62.3	91	62
Bihar	Banka	58.5	54.1	36	112
Bihar	Begusarai	62.5	66.2	75	90
Bihar	Gaya	48.9	55.9	97	9
Bihar	Jamui	49.8	50.1	46	110
Bihar	Katihar	63.6	71.5	101	7
Bihar	Khagaria	57.9	53.4	52	104
Bihar	Muzaffarpur	52.9	65.2	58	13
Bihar	Nawada	67.3	68	9	2
Bihar	Purnia	52.4	57.4	106	45
Bihar	Sheikhpura	60.8	64.8	72	87
Bihar	Sitamarhi	58.6	58	26	42
Chhattisgarh	Bastar	62.6	70.9	50	86
Chhattisgarh	Bijapur	71.4	76.8	82	72
Chhattisgarh	Dakshin Bastar Dantewada	72.4	74.4	15	98
Chhattisgarh	Kondagaon	66.2	71.3	53	94
Chhattisgarh	Korba	71.2	75.4	69	62
Chhattisgarh	Mahasamund	67.5	73.1	94	7
Chhattisgarh	Narayanpur	61.6	68.1	50	83
Chhattisgarh	Rajnandgaon	67.6	75	42	72
Chhattisgarh	Sukma	43	73.3	66	102
Chhattisgarh	Uttar Bastar Kanker	60.9	71.6	106	20
Gujarat	Dohad	81	82.1	61	79
Gujarat	Narmada	70.4	74.8	64	91
Haryana	Mewat	53.1	54.6	39	44
Himachal Pradesh	Chamba	60.4	73.1	72	18
Jammu & Kashmir	Baramula	72.2	77.8	89	45
Jammu & Kashmir	Kupwara	65.2	81.9	58	14
Jharkhand	Bokaro	68.5	70.1	79	79
Jharkhand	Chatra	66.6	64.5	110	6
Jharkhand	Dumka	70.8	72.8	66	101

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		May-18	Jan-21	May-18	Jan-21
Jharkhand	Garhwa	69.7	74.9	55	35
Jharkhand	Giridih	56.9	68.6	46	45
Jharkhand	Godda	65.9	70.4	33	106
Jharkhand	Gumla	61.8	68.4	36	54
Jharkhand	Hazaribagh	67.5	71.9	109	62
Jharkhand	Khunti	72.6	65.3	3	87
Jharkhand	Latehar	65.3	71.6	4	4
Jharkhand	Lohardaga	65.4	68.6	53	21
Jharkhand	Pakur	68.5	67.8	105	29
Jharkhand	Palamu	62.4	64.5	96	11
Jharkhand	Pashchimi Singhbhum	66.3	81.9	108	54
Jharkhand	Purbi Singhbhum	77.4	79.2	71	52
Jharkhand	Ramgarh	72.4	67	16	97
Jharkhand	Ranchi	51.9	67.2	2	45
Jharkhand	Sahibganj	67.7	56.4	7	94
Jharkhand	Simdega	76.8	75.3	1	111
Karnataka	Raichur	78.6	82.7	68	76
Karnataka	Yadgir	74.4	83.9	33	36
Kerala	Wayanad	61.7	74.7	61	36
Madhya Pradesh	Barwani	50.3	67.6	31	26
Madhya Pradesh	Chhatarpur	68.4	60.7	30	108
Madhya Pradesh	Damoh	74.4	76.5	58	36
Madhya Pradesh	Guna	59.7	85.5	46	29
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa (East Nimar)	68.5	70.2	103	36
Madhya Pradesh	Rajgarh	61.9	75	36	29
Madhya Pradesh	Singrauli	54.1	67.8	63	92
Madhya Pradesh	Vidisha	61.7	76.1	22	27
Maharashtra	Gadchiroli	74.9	74.8	21	56
Maharashtra	Nandurbar	58.7	75.6	82	83
Maharashtra	Osmanabad	75.5	79.8	65	56
Maharashtra	Washim	76.6	82.1	23	87
Manipur	Chandel	53.2	58.6	5	11
Meghalaya	Ribhoi	52.3	60.8	85	100
Mizoram	Mamit	57.6	64	44	45
Nagaland	Kiphire	50.2	60.3	99	1
Odisha	Balangir	57	69.6	75	79
Odisha	Dhenkanal	63.9	77	5	3
Odisha	Gajapati	72.4	78	89	83
Odisha	Kalahandi	57.5	75.6	72	72
Odisha	Kandhamal	64.1	75.7	45	67
Odisha	Koraput	61.2	75	82	56
Odisha	Malkangiri	72.9	73.3	103	15
Odisha	Nabarangapur	60.4	63.4	85	93
Odisha	Nuapada	67.4	76.6	11	56
Odisha	Rayagada	66.4	76.6	55	10
Punjab	Ferozpur	44.7	65	111	22
Punjab	Moga	58.6	74	85	94
Rajasthan	Baran	72.5	66.1	9	56

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Rajasthan	Dhaulpur	67.1	72.7	102	52
Rajasthan	Jaisalmer	64.6	70.3	88	72
Rajasthan	Karauli	66.2	79.3	81	33
Rajasthan	Sirohi	64.8	73.8	27	62
Sikkim	West District	82.3	77.1	13	69
Tamil Nadu	Ramanathapuram	77.5	80.6	28	33
Tamil Nadu	Virudhunagar	77.8	86.1	46	56
Telangana	Asifabad (Adilabad)	70.6	74.7	14	15
Telangana	Bhadradri-Kothagudem (Khammam-earlier)	64.7	68.8	43	76
Telangana	Bhoopalapalli (Warangal)	72.3	75.1	39	45
Tripura	Dhalai	59.1	67.6	78	43
Uttar Pradesh	Bahraich	54.2	69.2	70	22
Uttar Pradesh	Balrampur	49	75.2	28	82
Uttar Pradesh	Chandauli	57.2	77	19	36
Uttar Pradesh	Chitrakoot	62.1	79.5	12	45
Uttar Pradesh	Fatehpur	56.8	77.9	41	22
Uttar Pradesh	Shrawasti	50.3	66.9	92	5
Uttar Pradesh	Siddharthnagar	45.3	72.8	75	27
Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra	52.5	67.7	24	103
Uttarakhand	Hardwar	57.2	70.4	35	22
Uttarakhand	Udham Singh Nagar	62.6	74.6	57	69

**DISTRICT-WISE LIST OF FUNDS DISBURSED TO ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS
FOR HEALTH & NUTRITION SECTOR THROUGH NITI AAYOG ***

District	State	Amount (in Rs. crores)
YSR Kadapa	Andhra Pradesh	5
Namsai	Arunachal Pradesh	1.90
Hailakandi	Assam	2.50
Baksa	Assam	2.99
Udalguri	Assam	1.54
Barpeta	Assam	3.10
Dhubri	Assam	2.99
	<i>Total</i>	<i>13.13</i>
Begusarai	Bihar	5
Gaya	Bihar	2.92
Jamui	Bihar	1.16
Katihar	Bihar	1.96
Purnia	Bihar	2.63
Araria	Bihar	0.97
	<i>Total</i>	<i>14.65</i>
Kondagaon	Chhatisgarh	2.35
Bijapur	Chhattisgarh	0.61
Mahasamund	Chhattisgarh	3
	<i>Total</i>	<i>5.96</i>
Chamba	Himachal Pradesh	3
Kupwara	Jammu & Kashmir	2
Purbi Singhbhum	Jharkhand	2.99
Sahibganj	Jharkhand	9.92
Dumka	Jharkhand	1.26
Simdega	Jharkhand	1.01
Godda	Jharkhand	1.42
Gumla	Jharkhand	0.96
Bokaro	Jharkhand	1.50
Paschimi Singhbhum	Jharkhand	1.31
Garhwa	Jharkhand	4.80
Latehar	Jharkhand	4.89
Pakur	Jharkhand	1.38
	<i>Total</i>	<i>31.48</i>

Yadgir	Karnataka	0.47
Damoh	Madhya Pradesh	2.75
Khandwa	Madhya Pradesh	2.10
Guna	Madhya Pradesh	1.77
	<i>Total</i>	<i>6.63</i>
Washim	Maharashtra	2.35
Nandurbar	Maharashtra	0.66
	<i>Total</i>	<i>3.01</i>
Chandel	Manipur	2.63
Ribhoi	Meghalaya	1.69
Mamit	Mizoram	1.50
Nabrangpur	Odisha	1.06
Dhenkanal	Odisha	1.45
	<i>Total</i>	<i>2.51</i>
Ferozepur	Punjab	2.99
Jaisalmer	Rajasthan	1.34
Dhaulpur	Rajasthan	5.24
Karauli	Rajasthan	2.09
	<i>Total</i>	<i>8.68</i>
West Sikkim	Sikkim	3.26
Asifabad	Telangana	4.36
Bhadadri-Kothegudem	Telangana	1.36
Bhupalapally	Telangana	1.36
	<i>Total</i>	<i>7.08</i>
Dhalai	Tripura	9.05
Chandauli	Uttar Pradesh	3.14
Bahraich	Uttar Pradesh	2.10
Chitrakoot	Uttar Pradesh	1.83
	<i>Total</i>	<i>7.08</i>
Haridwar	Uttarakhand	5.41

**Every month, districts are assessed on the basis of monthly progress and the best performing Districts in overall terms and in each of the five sectors are identified. The first and second rankers in overall terms are awarded Rs. 10 crores and Rs. 5 crores respectively. The first ranker from each of the five sectors taken up in ADs including Health & Nutrition sector is awarded Rs. 3 crores each.*
