

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*137**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2021

**DEVELOPMENT WORKS UNDER ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS PROGRAMME**

\*137. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:  
SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of districts identified in Bihar and Assam under the Aspirational Districts Programme;
- (b) the details of the development works carried out in the said districts along with the details of the institutes/ agencies carrying out the said works;
- (c) the district-wise details of the amount of funds allocated for the said programme;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to cover more districts under the said programme in view of high unemployment rate in various districts of Bihar and Assam; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & 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) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 137 RAISED BY SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL & SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA, HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TO BE ANSWERED ON 28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT WORKS UNDER ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS PROGRAMME.**

- (a) A total of twenty (20) districts have been identified from the States of Bihar (13 districts) and Assam (7 districts) under the Aspirational Districts Programme (“ADP”). List of districts is placed at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) The Aspirational Districts Programme is in the nature of an additionality to the existing development programmes of the Central and the State Governments. Its key strategy is to identify key performance indicators across sectors which are important like Health & Nutrition, Education, Agriculture & Water Resources, Financial Inclusion & Skill Development, and Basic Infrastructure and assist the District administration in monitoring the same. The progress of a District across these performance indicators is captured regularly on a web portal called [championsofchange.gov.in](http://championsofchange.gov.in), which is available in the public domain. Districts are encouraged to identify their strengths and weaknesses, critical gaps and take action accordingly. Measurement of the progress on a monthly basis also results in ranking the districts which further enthruses them with a sense of healthy competition.
- (c) As stated above, the main strategy of the programme is to bring convergence of existing schemes which have their own funding arrangements. Therefore, large infusion of additional funds is not envisaged. However, to foster a competitive spirit and address critical gaps, there is a provision of additional allocation through challenge route. Under this arrangement, every month, districts are assessed on the basis of their 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 ₹10 crores and ₹5 crores respectively. The first ranker from each of the five sectors is awarded ₹3 crores each. Under this arrangement, in Bihar, the District Administration of Begusarai, Purnia, Araria, Gaya, Jamui, Aurangabad, Katihar, Sheikhpura and Nawada are implementing 26 projects across Health & Nutrition, Education and Agriculture & Water resources sectors. Similarly, in Assam, the districts of Udalguri, Barpeta, Baksa, Hailakandi, Dhubri and Darrang are implementing 29 projects across Health & Nutrition, Education, Agriculture & Water Resources, Basic Infrastructure and Financial Inclusion & Skill Development sectors. These projects are in various stages of implementation. A district-wise list of projects approved for implementation in Bihar and Assam is provided in **Annexure II**. A district-wise list of additional funds sanctioned through this arrangement has been placed at **Annexure III**.
- (d) & (e) Currently the government does not have any proposal to expand the list of Aspirational Districts. However, with the success of this template of development, all State Governments have been requested to take this template to other underdeveloped blocks and districts.

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**List of 20 Aspirational Districts in Bihar and Assam**

| <b>S.NO.</b> | <b>DISTRICT</b> |
|--------------|-----------------|
| <b>BIHAR</b> |                 |
| 1.           | Sitamarhi       |
| 2.           | Araria          |
| 3.           | Purnia          |
| 4.           | Katihar         |
| 5.           | Muzaffarpur     |
| 6.           | Begusarai       |
| 7.           | Khagaria        |
| 8.           | Banka           |
| 9.           | Sheikhpura      |
| 10.          | Aurangabad      |
| 11.          | Gaya            |
| 12.          | Nawada          |
| 13.          | Jamui           |
| <b>ASSAM</b> |                 |
| 14.          | Goalpara        |
| 15.          | Barpeta         |
| 16.          | Hailakandi      |
| 17.          | Baksa           |
| 18.          | Darrang         |
| 19.          | Udalguri        |
| 20.          | Dhubri          |

**List of development projects being undertaken in Bihar and Assam under the ADP**

| S.No.        | DISTRICT   | SECTOR                        | PROJECT DESCRIPTION  |
|--------------|------------|-------------------------------|--|
| <b>BIHAR</b> |            |                               |  |
| 1.           | Begusarai  | Health & Nutrition            | Operationalization of a modular operation theatre ( <b>OT</b> ) in 1 Sub-district Hospital ( <b>SDH</b> ) and 5 Community Health Centres ( <b>CHCs</b> ), hiring of required staff and equipment<br>Supply of Ante-Natal Care table<br>Procurement of equipment for upgrading labor rooms into labor-delivery-recovery ( <b>LDR</b> ) complex  |
| 2.           | Purnia     | Health & Nutrition            | Establishment of Nutri-hubs in health facilities<br>Upgradation of existing Labour Rooms and OTs in 2 CHCs & 1 SDH as LDR/Mother Newborn Care Unit ( <b>MNCU</b> ) complexes<br>Procuring ECG machines for all 14 health facilities in the district<br>Procuring 10 Bike Ambulances to improve access to emergency health services<br>Setting up of a Post C-section Maternity Ward at Sadar Hospital<br>Setting up of Pre-delivery Maternity Waiting Hubs in 2 blocks |
| 3.           | Araria     | Health & Nutrition            | Provide power back-up to Health and Wellness Centers ( <b>HWCs</b> ), procure Audio-Visual aids for Integrated Child Development Services ( <b>ICDS</b> ) training and promotion of family planning among newlywed couples   |
|              |            | Education                     | Equipping 10 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas ( <b>KGBVs</b> ) with smart classes, Building-as-Learning-Aid ( <b>BaLA</b> ) elements and libraries  |
| 4.           | Gaya       | Health & Nutrition            | Renovation of existing Labour Room as LDR (Labor Delivery Unit) and OT   |
| 5.           | Jamui      | Health & Nutrition            | Community and Facility Based Management of Malnourishment<br>Solar electric systems for Anganwadi  |
|              |            | Education                     | Setting up of Library in Primary and Upper Primary Schools   |
|              |            | Agriculture & Water Resources | Organic Farming of High Value Crops  |
| 6.           | Aurangabad | Education                     | Renovation of KGBV Hostel<br>Establishing 7 Model Schools  |
| 7.           | Katihar    | Health & Nutrition            | Procurement of Bike Ambulance, labor table in LI Centre, and examination table and screens in Anganwadi Centres ( <b>AWCs</b> ) in 8 blocks  |
|              |            | Education                     | Special intervention for promoting quality education in 251 Demo schools, 16 KGBVs, and 5 Girls' hostels   |
| 8.           | Nawada     | Health & Nutrition            | Establishing a Model AWC   |
|              |            | Education                     | Construction of Science Park in Schools  |
|              |            | Agriculture & Water           | Establishing a Processing Plant for Aarahar Dal, Moong Dal, Masoor Dal   |

| S.No.        | DISTRICT   | SECTOR                        | PROJECT DESCRIPTION  |
|--------------|------------|-------------------------------|--|
|              |            | Resources                     | Establishing a Processing Plant for spices which includes Haldi, Cumin, Chilli, Pepper, Ginger and Dhaniya<br>Establishing a Poly-house for vegetables & fruits  |
| 9.           | Sheikhpura | Health & Nutrition            | Establishment of Community Nutrition Hubs and Nutrition Gardens  |
| <b>ASSAM</b> |            |                               |  |
| 10.          | Udalguri   | Health & Nutrition            | 'Healthy Mother, Healthy Child' Project<br>Providing better healthcare services to pregnant women  |
|              |            | Education                     | Building functional toilets for boys & girls and additional classrooms   |
|              |            | Basic Infrastructure          | Electrification of schools, potable drinking water in schools and road connectivity  |
|              |            | Agriculture & Water Resources | Setting up 5 Procurement Centres in each block   |
| 11.          | Barpeta    | Health & Nutrition            | Construction of accommodation facilities for Community Health Officer (Midlevel Health Service Providers) at Sub-centre/ Health & Wellness Centre.<br>Construction of 20 new Model AWCs with attached toilet, drinking water facility & solar power system |
|              |            | Education                     | Strengthening of government schools through construction of buildings and additional classrooms across 78 schools  |
|              |            |                               | Construction of Girls Toilet at government/ provincialized school  |
|              |            | Agriculture                   | Minimizing post-harvest loss of Agricultural & Horticultural produce with the intervention of cold storage structure   |
|              |            | Financial Inclusion           | Financial literacy camps and trainings   |
|              |            | 12.                           | Baksa  |
| 13.          | Hailakandi | Health & Nutrition            | Strengthening of service delivery at Sub Centre level  |
|              |            |                               | Blood bank strengthening as per quality standards  |
|              |            |                               | Establishing a birth waiting home  |
|              |            |                               | DRISHTI – Collection of data digitally, on a periodic basis & creation of an integrated action dashboard at the district level to facilitate targeted action.  |
|              |            | Education                     | Happy School – to ensure all-round development of elementary school students   |
|              |            | Agriculture                   | Distribution of certified paddy seeds at subsidized rate to increase seed replacement ratio  |
|              |            |                               | Mechanization in Agriculture   |
|              |            |                               | Financial assistance for small & marginal farmers for increasing micro irrigation potential through Low Lift Pump and Sprinkler Irrigation sets  |
|              |            |                               | Establishing Hailakandi Milk Union Limited (Hamul) to improve dairy industry   |
|              |            |                               | Kanya Taru Yojana – High value fruit crops saplings to be distributed to mothers of girl children.   |
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| <b>S.No.</b> | <b>DISTRICT</b> | <b>SECTOR</b>                           | <b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>  |
|--------------|-----------------|---|---|
|              |                 | Financial Inclusion & Skill Development | Establishment of Community Training and Training Centre                                   |
|              |                 |   | Establishing Aarthik Swadhinata Kendra ( <b>ASK</b> ) for provision of banking facilities |
|              |                 |   | Awareness campaign for Kisaan Credit Card scheme and Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.    |
|              |                 |   | Disposable Paper/Leaf Plate Making by SHG members in Lala Block, Hailakandi               |
|              |                 |   | Diversified Products from Sheetal Pati in Algapur Block, Hailakandi                       |
| 14.          | Dhubri          | Health & Nutrition                      | Construction of 67 Anganwadi Centres  |
| 15.          | Darrang         | Education                               | Construction of additional classrooms in schools and a Teacher Training Centre            |

## Details of allocation of additional funds under ADP in Bihar and Assam

| S.NO.        | DISTRICT   | FUNDS ALLOTTED |
|--------------|------------|----------------|
| <b>BIHAR</b> |            |                |
| 1.           | Araria     | ₹97,15,660     |
| 2.           | Purnia     | ₹2,63,03,733   |
| 3.           | Katihar    | ₹3,00,00,000   |
| 4.           | Begusarai  | ₹5,00,00,000   |
| 5.           | Sheikhpura | ₹25,41,200     |
| 6.           | Aurangabad | ₹3,63,60,219   |
| 7.           | Gaya       | ₹2,92,50,000   |
| 8.           | Nawada     | ₹1,14,00,000   |
| 9.           | Jamui      | ₹3,00,00,000   |
| <b>ASSAM</b> |            |                |
| 10.          | Barpeta    | ₹10,00,00,000  |
| 11.          | Hailakandi | ₹5,97,23,240   |
| 12.          | Baksa      | ₹2,99,84,000   |
| 13.          | Darrang    | ₹10,00,00,000  |
| 14.          | Udalguri   | ₹5,00,00,000   |
| 15.          | Dhubri     | ₹2,99,99,987   |

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