

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *254
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2021

ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the Aspirational Districts Programme;
- (b) the names of districts where the said programme is operational, State-wise including Bihar, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) the details and quantum of funds sanctioned, released and utilized/spent by the Union Government under the said programme, district-wise; and
- (d) the details of works undertaken in these districts and progress made as on date?

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 (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. *254 REGARDING 'ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS PROGRAMME' RAISED BY SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR AND DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY FOR ANSWER ON 15TH DECEMBER, 2021.

- (a) There are 112 Aspirational Districts, across 26 States and 1 Union Territory. These were selected through a transparent process on basis of published data. List of data sets and the weight attached to them for selection of these districts is attached in ***Annexure - I***.

As regards salient features of the programme, it aims at rapid transformation of these backward districts across sectors which are critical for improving quality of life or economic productivity of citizens. These sectors are Health and Nutrition, School Education, Agriculture and Water Resources, Financial Inclusion and Skill Development and Basic Infrastructure. 49 key performance indicators have been selected across these sectors and a district's performance is monitored on the basis of progress made on these indicators. 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). Every month, districts are ranked on basis of progress made and this instill's in them a sense of competition which results in rapid improvement. 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 district. The role of these Prabhari Officers is to guide the district administration on basis of their long experience.

- (b) The State-wise list of all 112 Aspirational Districts is attached as ***Annexure – II***.
- (c) 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. Every month, districts are assessed on the basis of monthly progress and the best performing District 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 is awarded Rs. 3 crores each. The list of outcomes and indicators on the basis of which Districts are ranked is at ***Annexure - III***.
- (d) As stated above, the Aspirational Districts Programme is over and above the existing schemes of the Central and the State Governments concerned and as such it is in the nature of additionality. Based on the performance grant as mentioned in (c) above, districts undertake specific projects to address critical need felt by the District Administration.

List of data sets and weights used for selection of Aspirational Districts

DATABASES	SECTOR	WEIGHT
Landless households dependent on Manual labour (<i>Socio Economic Caste Census – Deprivation 7</i>)	Deprivation (25%)	25%
Ante natal care (<i>National Health and Family Survey (NHFS) - 4</i>)	Health & Nutrition (30%)	7.5%
Institutional delivery (<i>NHFS-4</i>)		7.5%
Stunting of children below 5 years (<i>NHFS-4</i>)		7.5%
Wasting in children below 5 years (<i>NHFS-4</i>)		7.5%
Elementary dropout rate (<i>Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE) 2015-16</i>)	Education (15%)	7.5%
Adverse pupil teacher ratio (<i>U-DISE 2015-16</i>)		7.5%
Un-electrified households (<i>Ministry of Power</i>)	Infra (30%)	7.5%
Households without individual toilets (<i>Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation</i>)		7.5%
Un-connected PMGSY village (<i>Ministry of Rural Development</i>)		7.5%
Rural Household without access to water (<i>Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation</i>)		7.5%
Total		100%

State-wise list of all 112 Aspirational Districts

S. No.	State	District
1	Andhra Pradesh	Vizianagaram
2	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
3	Andhra Pradesh	Y.S.R. Kadapa
4	Arunachal Pradesh	Namsai
5	Assam	Goalpara
6	Assam	Barpeta
7	Assam	Hailakandi
8	Assam	Baksa
9	Assam	Darrang
10	Assam	Udalguri
11	Assam	Dhubri
12	Bihar	Sitamarhi
13	Bihar	Araria
14	Bihar	Purnia
15	Bihar	Katihar
16	Bihar	Muzaffarpur
17	Bihar	Begusarai
18	Bihar	Khagaria
19	Bihar	Banka
20	Bihar	Sheikhpura
21	Bihar	Aurangabad
22	Bihar	Gaya
23	Bihar	Nawada
24	Bihar	Jamui
25	Chhattisgarh	Korba
26	Chhattisgarh	Rajnandgaon
27	Chhattisgarh	Mahasamund
28	Chhattisgarh	Kanker
29	Chhattisgarh	Narayanpur
30	Chhattisgarh	Dantewada
31	Chhattisgarh	Bijapur
32	Chhattisgarh	Bastar
33	Chhattisgarh	Kondagaon
34	Chhattisgarh	Sukma
35	Gujarat	Dahod
36	Gujarat	Narmada
37	Haryana	Mewat
38	Himachal Pradesh	Chamba
39	UT of Jammu & Kashmir	Kupwara

S. No.	State	District
40	UT of Jammu & Kashmir	Baramulla
41	Jharkhand	Garhwa
42	Jharkhand	Chatra
43	Jharkhand	Giridih
44	Jharkhand	Godda
45	Jharkhand	Sahibganj
46	Jharkhand	Pakur
47	Jharkhand	Bokaro
48	Jharkhand	Lohardaga
49	Jharkhand	Purbi Singhbhum
50	Jharkhand	Palamu
51	Jharkhand	Latehar
52	Jharkhand	Hazaribagh
53	Jharkhand	Ramgarh
54	Jharkhand	Dumka
55	Jharkhand	Ranchi
56	Jharkhand	Khunti
57	Jharkhand	Gumla
58	Jharkhand	Simdega
59	Jharkhand	Pashchimi Singhbhum
60	Karnataka	Raichur
61	Karnataka	Yadgir
62	Kerala	Wayanad
63	Madhya Pradesh	Chhatarpur
64	Madhya Pradesh	Damoh
65	Madhya Pradesh	Barwani
66	Madhya Pradesh	Rajgarh
67	Madhya Pradesh	Vidisha
68	Madhya Pradesh	Guna
69	Madhya Pradesh	Singrauli
70	Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa
71	Maharashtra	Nandurbar
72	Maharashtra	Washim
73	Maharashtra	Gadchiroli
74	Maharashtra	Osmanabad
75	Manipur	Chandel
76	Meghalaya	Ribhoi
77	Mizoram	Mamit
78	Nagaland	Kiphire
79	Odisha	Dhenkanal
80	Odisha	Gajapati

S. No.	State	District
81	Odisha	Kandhamal
82	Odisha	Balangir
83	Odisha	Kalahandi
84	Odisha	Rayagada
85	Odisha	Koraput
86	Odisha	Malkangiri
87	Odisha	Nabarangpur
88	Odisha	Nuapada
89	Punjab	Moga
90	Punjab	Firozpur
91	Rajasthan	Dholpur
92	Rajasthan	Karauli
93	Rajasthan	Jaisalmer
94	Rajasthan	Sirohi
95	Rajasthan	Baran
96	Sikkim	West Sikkim
97	Tamil Nadu	Virudhunagar
98	Tamil Nadu	Ramanathapuram
99	Telangana	Asifabad
100	Telangana	Bhoopalapally
101	Telangana	Bhadradi-Kothagudem
102	Tripura	Dhalai
103	Uttar Pradesh	Chitrakoot
104	Uttar Pradesh	Fatehpur
105	Uttar Pradesh	Bahraich
106	Uttar Pradesh	Shrawasti
107	Uttar Pradesh	Balrampur
108	Uttar Pradesh	Siddharthnagar
109	Uttar Pradesh	Chandauli
110	Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra
111	Uttarakhand	Udham Singh Nagar
112	Uttarakhand	Haridwar

List of indicators on which Districts are ranked

S. No.	Key Performance Indicators
1.1	Percentage of Pregnant Women receiving four or more antenatal care check-ups against total ANC registration
1.2	Percentage of ANC registered within the first trimester against total ANC registration
1.3	Percentage of pregnant women (PW) registered for ANC against estimated pregnancies
2	Percentage of pregnant women taking Supplementary Nutrition under the ICDS programme regularly
3.1	Percentage of Pregnant having severe anaemia treated, against PW having severe anaemia tested cases.
3.2	Percentage of Pregnant Women tested for Haemoglobin (Hb) 4 or more times for respective ANCs, against total ANC registration
4.1	Sex Ratio at birth
4.2	Percentage of institutional deliveries out of total estimated deliveries
5	Percentage of home deliveries attended by an SBA (Skilled Birth Attendance) out of total Home deliveries
6.1	Percentage of new-borns breastfed within one hour of birth
6.2	Percentage of live born infants with a birth weight 2500 gms
6.3	Proportion of live babies weighed at birth
7	Percentage of underweight children under 5 years
8.1	Percentage of stunted children under 5 years
8.2	Percentage of children with Diarrhoea treated with ORS
8.3	Percentage of children with Diarrhoea treated with Zinc
8.4	Percentage of children with ARI in the last 2 weeks taken to a health facility
9.1	Percentage of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)
9.2	Percentage of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM)
10.1	Breastfeeding children receiving adequate diet (6-23 months)
10.2	Non-Breastfeeding children receiving adequate diet (6-23 months)
11	Percentage of children fully immunized (9-11 months) (BCG+ DPT3 + OPV3 + Measles1)
12.1	Tuberculosis (TB) case notification rate (Public and Private Institutions) as against estimated cases
12.2	TB Treatment success rate among notified TB patients (public and private)

13.1	Establishment of Health & Wellness Centres (HWCs)
13.2	Proportion of Primary Health Centers compliant to Indian Public Health Standards
13.3	functional FRUs (First referral units) rate
13.4	Availability of specialist services in District hospitals against IPHS norms
13.5	Conduct of village health, Sanitation, Nutrition Days
13.6	Proportion of Anganwadis with own buildings
13.7	Percentage of First referral units (FRU) having labour room and obstetrics OT NQAS certified (i.e., meet LaQShya guidelines)
14.1	Transition Rate (a) Primary to Upper Primary level
14.2	(b) Upper Primary to Secondary level
15	Toilet access: % schools with functional girls' toilets
16	Learning outcomes (Average in government schools) (a) Mathematics performance in Class 3 (b) Language performance in Class 3 (c) Mathematics performance in Class 5 (d) Language performance in Class 5 (e) Mathematics performance in Class 8 (f) Language performance in Class 8
17	Female literacy rate (15+ Age group)
18	Percentage of schools with functional drinking water facility
19	Percentage of schools with functional electricity facility at secondary level
20	Percentage of elementary schools complying with RTE specified Pupil Teacher Ratio
21	Percentage of schools providing textbooks to children within 1 month of start of the academic session
22	Water Positive investments and Employment
(a)	Percentage of net sown area under micro-irrigation
(b)	Number of water bodies rejuvenated under MGNREGA
23	Crop Insurance- Percentage of net sown area under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
24	Increase in Critical Inputs usage and supply
(a)	3 (a) Percentage increase in agricultural credit
(b)	3 (b) Certified quality seed distribution
25	Number of mandi in the district linked to electronic market
26	A) Percentage change in Price Realization (Wheat) B) Percentage change in Price Realization (Paddy Common, Paddy Grade A)
27	Percentage share of high value crops to total sown area in district
28	Agricultural productivity of 2 major crops
29	Percentage of animals vaccinated
30	Artificial Insemination coverage

31	Number of Soil Health Cards distributed
32	Total Disbursement of Mudra loan (in rupees) per 1 Lakh population
33	Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY): Number of Enrolments per 1 Lakh population
34	Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY): Number of Enrolments per 1 Lakh population
35	Atal Pension Yojana (APY): Number of Beneficiaries per 1 Lakh population
36	Percentage of bank accounts seeded with Aadhaar as a percentage of total banking accounts
37	Number of accounts opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana
38	No of youth certified in short term and long-term training [#] schemes / no of youth in district in age group 15-29*
39	No of certified youth employed [#] /No of youth trained under short term and long-term training
40	Number of Apprentices completing/Total number of trainees registered on the portal
41	No of people certified under Recognition of Prior Learning [#] / Non formally skilled workforce **
42	Number of Vulnerable/Marginalized youth certified trained under short term and long term training a) Women - certified trained, b) SC - certified trained c) ST - certified trained d) OBC - certified trained e) Minorities - certified trained f) Differently abled - certified trained) / Total Number of youth certified trained
43	Percentage of households with electricity connection
44	Percentage of Gram panchayats with internet connection
45	(a) Percentage of habitations with access to all weather roads under PMGSY (b) Cumulative number of kilometres of all-weather road work completed as a percentage of total sanctioned kilometres in the district under PMGSY
46	Percentage of households with Individual Household Latrines
47	Percentage of Rural habitations with access to adequate quantity of potable water - 40 lpcd drinking water in rural
48	Coverage/ establishment of Common Service Centres at Gram Panchayat level
49	Number of pucca houses constructed for household who are shelter-less or having one room with kuchha wall and kuchha roof or having 2 room with kuchha wall and roof
