

Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 123

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QUESTION
Aspirational Districts

123. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the aspirational districts selected so far within the state of Assam;
- (b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this scheme in Assam during the last three years and the current year so far;
- (c) the details of the target set and achievements made so far along with its response in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has planned to select some more districts under the said scheme in Assam; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

The Minister of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
[Shri G. Kishan Reddy]

- (a) Sir, 07 Districts have been selected as Aspirational Districts in the state of Assam namely Baksa, Barpeta, Darrang, Dhubri, Goalpara, Hailakandi and Udalguri.

(b) The main aim of the Scheme is based on the convergence of Central & State Schemes which have their own funding arrangements, Collaboration of Central, State level 'Prabhari' Officers & District Collectors, and Competition among districts. Every month these Districts are assessed and ranked based on their performance in five sectors, i.e. Health & Nutrition, Education, Agriculture & Water resources, Basic Infrastructure, Financial inclusion & Skill Development. The best performing districts are given additional allocations as incentives. The details of the funds allocated and released under this scheme in Assam since inception is as below:

(Rs.in crores)

S. No.	District	Funds Allocated/ eligible	Funds released
1.	Baksa	11.00	3.99
2.	Barpeta	21.00	14.00
3.	Goalpara	2.49	1.00
4.	Udalguri	21.00	6.00
5.	Dhubri	7.00	3.99
6.	Darrang	12.00	11.00
7.	Hailakandi	22.00	10.65

An empowered Committee of Secretaries approves plans of action submitted by the Districts. Currently, 30 projects in Aspirational Districts of Assam after the approval under this arrangement, are under implementation.

(c) No specific targets are allotted to these districts. However, the performance of Aspirational Districts is assessed on the basis of achievements in five sectors every month on competitive basis among the Aspirational Districts.. The performance in terms of ranks of the Aspirational Districts of Assam since inception of the Scheme is given as **Annexure.**

(d) & (e) The Government have no plan to select new districts under the scheme in Assam.

Annexure

Ranks of Aspirational Districts of Assam based on performance.

District Name	Best Performance					
Sector	Overall	Health & Nutrition	Education	Agriculture & Water Resources	Financial Inclusion and Skill Development	Basic Infrastructure
Darrang	2 nd in Jul 2020	9 th in Feb 2021	3 rd in Sep-2019	5 th in Jun-2021	1 st in Jul 2020	15 th in Jan-2019
Udalguri	1 st in Feb 2021	1 st in Feb 2021	3 rd in Jul-2020	1 st in Sep-2018	2 nd in Dec-2020	15 th in Jan-2021
Goalpara	11 th in Mar 2019	8 th in March 2019	7 th in Jul-2020	6 th in Jun-2021	1 st in Oct-2018	2 nd in Jan-2019
Baksa	3 rd in Dec 2020	2 nd in Dec 2020	1 st in Dec-2019	3 rd in Jun-2019	6 th in Aug-2020	3 rd in May-2019
Dhubri	4 th in June 2021	4 th in Feb 2020	1 st in Oct-2019	1 st in Jun-2021	6 th in Dec-2020	2 nd in Sep-2020
Barpeta	1 st in Aug 2020	3 rd in Jan 2020	2 nd in Jun-2021	2 nd in Mar-2021	1 st in Aug-2020	5 th in Jan-2019
Hailakandi	1 st in Feb 2020	1 st in Feb 2020	1 st in Dec-2018	1 st in Dec-2020	2 nd in Jan-2021	3 rd in Feb-2020

