

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED PARLIAMENT QUESTION NO. 2135
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th DECEMBER 2021**

ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICT PROGRAM

2135: SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY:

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

- (a) whether his Ministry has been implementing Aspirational Districts Programme for improving healthcare facilities in the targeted districts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including achievements under the programme so far, district-wise especially in Jharkhand;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated for healthcare facilities under the Programme so far, district-wise in Jharkhand;
- (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 in Jharkhand 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 STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE**

(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) NITI Aayog has been implementing the Aspirational District (AD) Programme since it was launched on January 5, 2018 for improving socio-economic indicators in the selected backward districts. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) is supporting all States/UTs in implementation of various schemes/initiatives for improving healthcare facilities under National Health Mission (NHM) based on the Annual Program Implementation Plan (APIP) submitted by States/ UTs.

(b) ADs in general have shown improvement with respect to the Health and Nutrition indicators. While most of the districts have improved, some of the districts have shown very rapid progress.

Districts wise details of achievements in Health and Nutrition sector for the State of Jharkhand is attached at Annexure-1

(c) As the main strategy of the Aspirational District program is based on convergence of existing schemes which have their own funding arrangement. However, in order to foster competitive spirit and for addressing the critical gaps, additional allocation via challenge route is provided by NITI Aayog. Every month, districts are assessed on 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.

The details of fund sanctioned to the Aspirational Districts of Jharkhand for the Health & Nutrition Sector is given at Annexure-II

(d) Yes, Health and Nutrition has been assigned major weightage of 30% in selection of ADs. The details are given in Annexure-III

(e) & (f) Latest Health & Nutrition Sector Scores (Oct 2021) of 112 Aspirational Districts as per the Champions of Change Dashboard is given at Annexure-IV.

The progress of the Aspirational Districts on the Key Performance Indicators are regularly monitored and the districts are ranked on monthly basis in Champions of Change Dashboard by NITI Aayog. In order to provide focused attention for overall development of these ADs, NITI Aayog has nominated senior officers of the rank of Joint Secretary/Additional Secretary as Central Prabhari Officers for each of the 112 districts for guidance and monitoring of the Aspirational District Program.

MoHFW has developed 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 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 under National Health Mission and other health system strengthening efforts.

Annexure-I**District wise percentage improvements and lifetime best rank in Health & Nutrition Sector for State of Jharkhand**

S. No.	District	% Improvement since inception (Health & Nutrition)	Lifetime Best Rank (Health & Nutrition)
1.	Bokaro	6.42	1 in Sep- 2020
2.	Chatra	6.32	1 in Aug-2021
3.	Dumka	8.92	1 in Oct-2021
4.	Garhwa	10.20	2 in Sep-2019
5.	Giridih	20.76	5 in Jan-2019
6.	Godda	16.85	6 in Feb-2021
7.	Gumla	12.57	4 in Nov-2020
8.	Hazaribagh	7.98	4 in Jan-2019
9.	Khunti	14.95	3 in Feb-2021
10.	Latehar	23.74	4 in Jan-2021
11.	Lohardaga	16.90	9 in Aug-2021
12.	Pakur	6.18	4 in Dec-2018
13.	Palamu	16.79	1 in Aug-2019
14.	Pashchimi Singhbhum	12.25	3 in Aug-2021
15.	Purbi Singhbhum	6.55	2 in Sep- 2020
16.	Ramgarh	7.63	1 in Nov-2020
17.	Ranchi	60.83	1 in Sep- 2021
18.	Sahibganj	12.81	2 in Nov- 2020
19.	Simdega	31.45	4 in Sep-2021

¹Also available on the Champions of Change Dashboard (<http://championsofchange.gov.in/site/coc-home/>).

Annexure-II**District wise Details of funds sanctioned to the Aspirational Districts of Jharkhand for Health & Nutrition Sector since inception**

S. No.	District	Funds Sanctioned (₹)	Projects under various stages of implementation in relation to Health & Nutrition
1.	Dumka	45,00,000	Renovation of 3 Malnutrition Treatment Centres (MTCs)
		40,00,000	Procuring 2 Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) to cater to 6 far-flung blocks
		41,20,000	Water Filters for all Anganwadi Centres in the district
2.	Garhwa	20,00,000	Upgradation of Anganwadi Centres
		4,80,00,000	District Hospital and CHC Upgrade
3.	Khunti	3,00,00,000	State of the Art Health Facility
4.	Latehar	3,00,00,000	Upgrading Anganwadis and Health Centres for Comprehensive Healthcare
5.	Pakur	1,38,11,000	Community Based Management of Children With Severe Acute Malnutrition
6.	Purbi Singhbhum	2,99,97,000	Development of Model Anganwadi Centres
7.	Ranchi	1,41,91,800	Upgradation of 20 PHCs
		1,68,20,000	Upgradation of Sonahatu CHC as model CHC
8.	Sahibganj	6,11,33,400	Renovation of 300 Anganwadi Centres in hard to reach areas
		1,42,00,000	Community based management of children with Severe Acute Malnutrition
		2,39,40,000	Recruitment of 11 Specialist doctors in the district
9.	Simdega	2,75,00,000	Mega Sports Complex at District Headquarter, Simdega

Weightage of Health & Nutrition Indicators in selection of Aspirational Districts

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

Health & Nutrition Scores of 112 Aspirational Districts including State of Jharkhand on the basis of Health & Nutrition indicators

S.No	State Name	District Name	Health & Nutrition Score (October 2021)
1	Sikkim	West District	87.9
2	Andhra Pradesh	Vizianagaram	86.2
3	Madhya Pradesh	Guna	85.5
4	Uttar Pradesh	Chandauli	85
5	Karnataka	Yadgir	83.1
6	Tamil Nadu	Ramanathapuram	83
7	Tamil Nadu	Virudhunagar	82.9
8	Rajasthan	Karauli	82
9	Maharashtra	Osmanabad	81.9
10	Maharashtra	Washim	81.7
11	Gujarat	Dohad	81.5
12	Karnataka	Raichur	81.4
13	Madhya Pradesh	Damoh	81.2
14	Jammu & Kashmir	Kupwara	81
15	Andhra Pradesh	Y.S.R.	80.9
16	Uttar Pradesh	Chitrakoot	80.4
17	Jharkhand	Dumka	80.3
18	Jharkhand	Purbi Singhbhum	79.8
19	Odisha	Kalahandi	79
20	Jammu & Kashmir	Baramula	78.9
21	Uttarakhand	Udham Singh Nagar	78.7
22	Jharkhand	Simdega	78.7
23	Odisha	Nuapada	78.4
24	Kerala	Wayanad	78.3
25	Chhattisgarh	Mahasamund	77.6
26	Odisha	Dhenkanal	77.3
27	Arunachal Pradesh	Namsai	77.2
28	Punjab	Moga	77
29	Chhattisgarh	Sukma	76.4
30	Odisha	Rayagada	76.3
31	Uttar Pradesh	Fatehpur	76.2
32	Rajasthan	Sirohi	76.2
33	Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa (East Nimar)	76.2
34	Himachal Pradesh	Chamba	76.1
35	Odisha	Kandhamal	76.1
36	Uttar Pradesh	Balrampur	76.1
37	Jharkhand	Pashchimi Singhbhum	75.7
38	Odisha	Malkangiri	75.5
39	Jharkhand	Godda	75.2
40	Chhattisgarh	Korba	75.1

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S.No	State Name	District Name	Health & Nutrition Score (October 2021)
41	Uttarakhand	Hardwar	74.9
42	Manipur	Chandel	74.7
43	Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra	74.7
44	Assam	Hailakandi	74.5
45	Assam	Darrang	74.4
46	Jharkhand	Garhwa	74.4
47	Chhattisgarh	Uttar Bastar Kanker	74.2
48	Odisha	Koraput	74.2
49	Rajasthan	Dhaulpur	74
50	Jharkhand	Latehar	74
51	Odisha	Gajapati	74
52	Maharashtra	Gadchiroli	74
53	Chhattisgarh	Bijapur	73.7
54	Chhattisgarh	Rajnandgaon	73.4
55	Mizoram	Mamit	73.3
56	Assam	Goalpara	73.2
57	Chhattisgarh	Bastar	73.2
58	Odisha	Nabarangapur	72.7
59	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam	72.4
60	Uttar Pradesh	Shrawasti	72.1
61	Jharkhand	Hazaribagh	72
62	Madhya Pradesh	Chhatarpur	71.9
63	Chhattisgarh	Dakshin Bastar Dantewada	71.8
64	Bihar	Sheikhpura	71.7
65	Maharashtra	Nandurbar	71.7
66	Madhya Pradesh	Rajgarh	71.2
67	Telangana	Bhoopalapalli	71.1
68	Uttar Pradesh	Bahraich	71
69	Jharkhand	Ramgarh	71
70	Jharkhand	Ranchi	70.7
71	Uttar Pradesh	Siddharthnagar	70.7
72	Jharkhand	Lohardaga	70.5
73	Odisha	Balangir	70.3
74	Jharkhand	Bokaro	70.3
75	Chhattisgarh	Kondagaon	69.6
76	Chhattisgarh	Baksa	69.6
77	Jharkhand	Gumla	69.2
78	Punjab	Firozpur	69
79	Gujarat	Narmada	68.8

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S.No	State Name	District Name	Health & Nutrition Score (October 2021)
80	Telangana	Bhadradi-Kothagudem	68.7
81	Jharkhand	Pakur	68.4
82	Rajasthan	Jaisalmer	68.2
83	Madhya Pradesh	Vidisha	68.2
84	Jharkhand	Giridih	68
85	Jharkhand	Chatra	67.9
86	Jharkhand	Khunti	67.8
87	Rajasthan	Baran	67.7
88	Tripura	Dhalai	66.9
89	Bihar	Nawada	66.5
90	Jharkhand	Palamu	66.4
91	Chhattisgarh	Narayanpur	66.2
92	Assam	Barpeta	66.1
93	Bihar	Sitamarhi	64.6
94	Telangana	Asifabad (Adilabad)	63.9
95	Assam	Dhubri	63.5
96	Bihar	Aurangabad	63.2
97	Bihar	Begusarai	63.1
98	Nagaland	Kiphire	62.7
99	Bihar	Muzaffarpur	62.6
100	Bihar	Katihar	62.1
101	Jharkhand	Sahibganj	61.7
102	Madhya Pradesh	Singrauli	61.5
103	Meghalaya	Ribhoi	61.5
104	Madhya Pradesh	Barwani	57.9
105	Bihar	Banka	56.1
106	Haryana	Mewat	55.4
107	Assam	Udalguri	55.2
108	Bihar	Purnia	54.6
109	Bihar	Araria	52.8
110	Bihar	Jamui	47.8
111	Bihar	Gaya	46.6
112	Bihar	Khagaria	44.7