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ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified backward districts for development of education, healthcare and infrastructure facilities under Aspirational Districts Programme in the country including districts of Maharashtra, Bihar, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the criteria set for selecting such districts;
- (c) the details of the works executed in these districts during the last three years particularly in Maharashtra, Bihar, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Gujarat along with the funds sanctioned, released and utilized in this connection since its inception;
- (d) the names of the schemes implemented/being implemented in the Aspirational Districts of the country including the abovesaid States during the last three years;
- (e) the details of major focus of social economic survey in these districts; and
- (f) whether the Government proposes to include other backward districts of the country including the districts of abovesaid States particularly Alwar, Sikar, Satara, Solapur, Latur, Araria, Rajsamand and Jalore districts, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

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- (a) Under the Aspirational Districts Programme, the Government of India has identified 112 districts which in past has shown relatively slow progress in key social and economic indicators. The Programme aims at rapid transformation of these districts across sectors which are critical for improving quality of life or economic productivity of citizens and

these sectors are Health and Nutrition, School Education, Basic Infrastructure, Agriculture and Water Resources and Financial Inclusion & Skill Development.

- (b) These 112 Aspirational Districts are spread across 26 States and 1 Union Territory. The State-wise list of all 112 Aspirational Districts, including in Maharashtra, Bihar, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Gujarat, is attached as **Annexure – I**.

The selection of these 112 Districts was done through a transparent process on the basis of published data available during launch of the programme in 2018. List of data sets and the weight attached to them for selection of these districts is provided at **Annexure - II**.

- (c) As the main strategy of the programme is based on convergence of existing schemes which have their own funding arrangement, infusion of additional fund is not envisaged. However, in order to foster a competitive spirit, and for addressing the critical gaps, additional allocation on the basis of performance is envisaged. 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 ₹10 crores and ₹5 crores respectively. The first ranker from each of the five sectors is awarded ₹3 crores each. As per this method, a total of approximately ₹ 519.02cr has been disbursed for projects formulated by 91 Districts across all sectors under focus in the Programme. These projects are in various stages of implementation. A detailed statement regarding the above is attached 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 in a district and as such it is in the nature of additionality.

- (e) Under the Programme, 49 key performance indicators have been selected across the five sectors under focus, and a district's performance is monitored on the basis of progress made on these indicators. A list of these indicators is provided at **Annexure-IV**.

- (f) At present there is no proposal to include any additional district. As stated above, the Aspirational Districts were selected on the basis of their relatively less progress in key social and economic indicators on the basis of published data. Araria district in Bihar is already a part of the Programme. As regards districts of Alwar, Sikar, Satara, Solapur, Latur, Rajsamanad, and Jalore, the 112 districts that were selected had lower overall progress compared to the districts that were selected in their respective States in 2018.

List of 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
40	UT of Jammu & Kashmir	Baramulla

S. No.	State	District
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
81	Odisha	Kandhamal
82	Odisha	Balangir
83	Odisha	Kalahandi
84	Odisha	Rayagada

S. No.	State	District
85	Odisha	Koraput
86	Odisha	Malkangiri
87	Odisha	Nabarangpur
88	Odisha	Nuapada
89	Punjab	Moga
90	Punjab	Ferozpur
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 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		

Details of funds sanctioned under the Aspirational Districts Programme

State	District	Performance Grant (₹cr)
Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam	2.92
Andhra Pradesh	Y.S.R. Kadapa	5
Arunachal Pradesh	Namsai	5.01
Assam	Baksa	2.99
Assam	Barpeta	15.05
Assam	Darrang	10
Assam	Dhubri	2.99
Assam	Hailakandi	9.65
Assam	Udalguri	5
Bihar	Araria	0.97
Bihar	Purnia	2.63
Bihar	Katihar	3
Bihar	Muzaffarpur	6
Bihar	Begusarai	5
Bihar	Aurangabad	8
Bihar	Gaya	6.92
Bihar	Nawada	1.14
Bihar	Jamui	3
Chhattisgarh	Rajnandgaon	4
Chhattisgarh	Mahasamund	3
Chhattisgarh	Narayanpur	3
Chhattisgarh	Bijapur	12.32
Chhattisgarh	Bastar	5.99
Chhattisgarh	Kondagaon	13
Chhattisgarh	Sukma	11.22
Gujarat	Dahod	4.93
Gujarat	Narmada	6
Haryana	Mewat	9
Himachal Pradesh	Chamba	6
UT of Jammu & Kashmir	Kupwara	3
UT of Jammu & Kashmir	Baramulla	3
Jharkhand	Dumka	9
Jharkhand	Garhwa	10
Jharkhand	Khunti	11
Jharkhand	Latehar	4.90
Jharkhand	Lohardaga	3
Jharkhand	Pakur	4.92
Jharkhand	Palamu	10
Jharkhand	Purbi Singhbhum	3
Jharkhand	Ranchi	5

Jharkhand	Sahibganj	9.93
Jharkhand	Simdega	6
Karnataka	Yadgir	2.99
Kerala	Wayanad	3
Madhya Pradesh	Barwani	8
Madhya Pradesh	Chhatarpur	8.82
Madhya Pradesh	Damoh	5.80
Madhya Pradesh	Guna	3
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	2.92
Madhya Pradesh	Vidisha	3
Maharashtra	Gadchiroli	4.99
Maharashtra	Nandurbar	6
Maharashtra	Osmanabad	3
Maharashtra	Washim	12.84
Manipur	Chandel	3
Meghalaya	Ribhoi	3
Mizoram	Mamit	3
Odisha	Balangir	10.98
Odisha	Dhenkanal	4.49
Odisha	Gajapati	3
Odisha	Kalahandi	6
Odisha	Koraput	3
Odisha	Malkangiri	4.84
Odisha	Nabrangpur	8
Odisha	Nuapada	3
Punjab	Moga	3
Punjab	Ferozpur	14.66
Rajasthan	Baran	7
Rajasthan	Dhaulpur	10
Rajasthan	Jaisalmer	2.99
Rajasthan	Karauli	3
Sikkim	West Sikkim	10
Tamil Nadu	Virudhunagar	4
Telangana	Asifabad	3
Telangana	Bhoopalapally	9.99
Tripura	Dhalai	13
Uttar Pradesh	Bahraich	4
Uttar Pradesh	Balrampur	5.47
Uttar Pradesh	Chandauli	10
Uttar Pradesh	Chitrakoot	6
Uttar Pradesh	Fatehpur	11.15
Uttar Pradesh	Shrawasti	9.73
Uttar Pradesh	Siddharthanagar	5.17
Uttarakhand	Udham Singh Nagar	6.99
Uttarakhand	Haridwar	9.96

List of 49 Key Performance Indicators on which Districts are monitored

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 shelterless or having one room with kuchha wall and kuchha roof or having 2 room with kuchha wall and roof