

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1800**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2022

**ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS**

**1800. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:**  
**SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:**

Will the Minister of **PLANNING** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to identify/ designate more districts/blocks as Aspirational district;
- (b) if so, whether districts/blocks of Odisha have been included in this scheme, particularly Angul district; and
- (c) if not, the reason 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

**(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)**

- (a) At present, there is no proposal to include more districts under the Aspirational Districts Programme. In the recently held conference of the Chief Secretaries in Dharamshala from June 15 to June 17, 2022, States were requested to extend the template of the Aspirational Districts programme for accelerating development in backward blocks. As the blocks are the administrative units, working directly under the State Governments, they are to be identified by the States concerned.
- (b) Under the on-going Aspirational Districts Programme out of 112 districts identified all over the country, 10 districts are from Odisha. A list of these 10 Districts is provided in **Annexure-I**.
- (c) In 2018, 112 Aspirational Districts, were selected through a transparent process on the basis of published data. List of data sets and the weight attached to them for selection of these districts is attached in **Annexure - II**. As stated, based on this selection process, 10 Districts of Odisha were covered under the Programme. Angul district was not included because at the time of selection of the Districts, other districts had shown lesser development than Angul District.

**List of all Aspirational Districts in Odisha**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>District</b>
1.	Odisha	Dhenkanal
2.	Odisha	Rayagada
3.	Odisha	Kalahandi
4.	Odisha	Koraput
5.	Odisha	Balangir
6.	Odisha	Nuapada
7.	Odisha	Nawarangpur
8.	Odisha	Malkangiri
9.	Odisha	Kandhamal
10.	Odisha	Gajapati

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

<b>DATABASES</b>	<b>SECTOR</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>
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%
<b>Total</b>		

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