

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1801**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2022

**LOW LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT OF BIHAR**

†1801. **SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:**

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

- (a) the reasons for the development of Bihar being far behind the national average at various levels;
- (b) whether the Government have declared almost all the districts of Bihar as backward districts during the year 2015;
- (c) if so, the schemes which have been approved by the Government for the development of Bihar after the said declaration along with the district-wise and year-wise amount of funds released so far in this regard;
- (d) whether any review meeting in this regard has taken place after the said declaration; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the assessment of the said meeting?

**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) The National Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index released by NITI Aayog in November 2021 shows that Bihar has the highest proportion of multi-dimensionally poor people in any State in India. The index measured multi-dimensional poverty based on household micro-data collected at the unit-level under the National Family Health Survey 4 of 2015-16. The data reveals that at-least on 12 indicators across three dimensions of health, education and standard of living, i.e., Nutrition, Child and Adolescent Mortality, Maternal Health (Health), Years of Schooling, School Attendance (Education), Cooking Fuel, Sanitation, Drinking Water, Housing, Electricity, Assets and Bank Account (Standard of living), the population of Bihar was far behind those of other States. Detailed report is available in the public domain ([https://www.niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2021-11/National\\_MPI\\_India-11242021.pdf](https://www.niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2021-11/National_MPI_India-11242021.pdf)). A graph showing the standing of various States and Union Territories on the index is provided in **Annexure – I**.

(b) No Sir. NITI Aayog has not declared any district of Bihar as a backward district. However, under the ongoing Aspirational Districts Programme that was launched on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 by the Government of India 112 districts having relatively slow socio-economic progress or severely affected by the Left Wing Extremism were identified in 2018. These were selected through a transparent process on the basis of published data. List of data sets and the weights attached to them for selection of these districts is attached in **Annexure - II**. Based on this selection process, 13 Districts of Bihar were designated as Aspirational Districts. Their list is provided in **Annexure-III**.

(c) Aspirational Districts Programme is an innovative arrangement that 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). It 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. 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, additional allocation on the basis of performance is also 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.

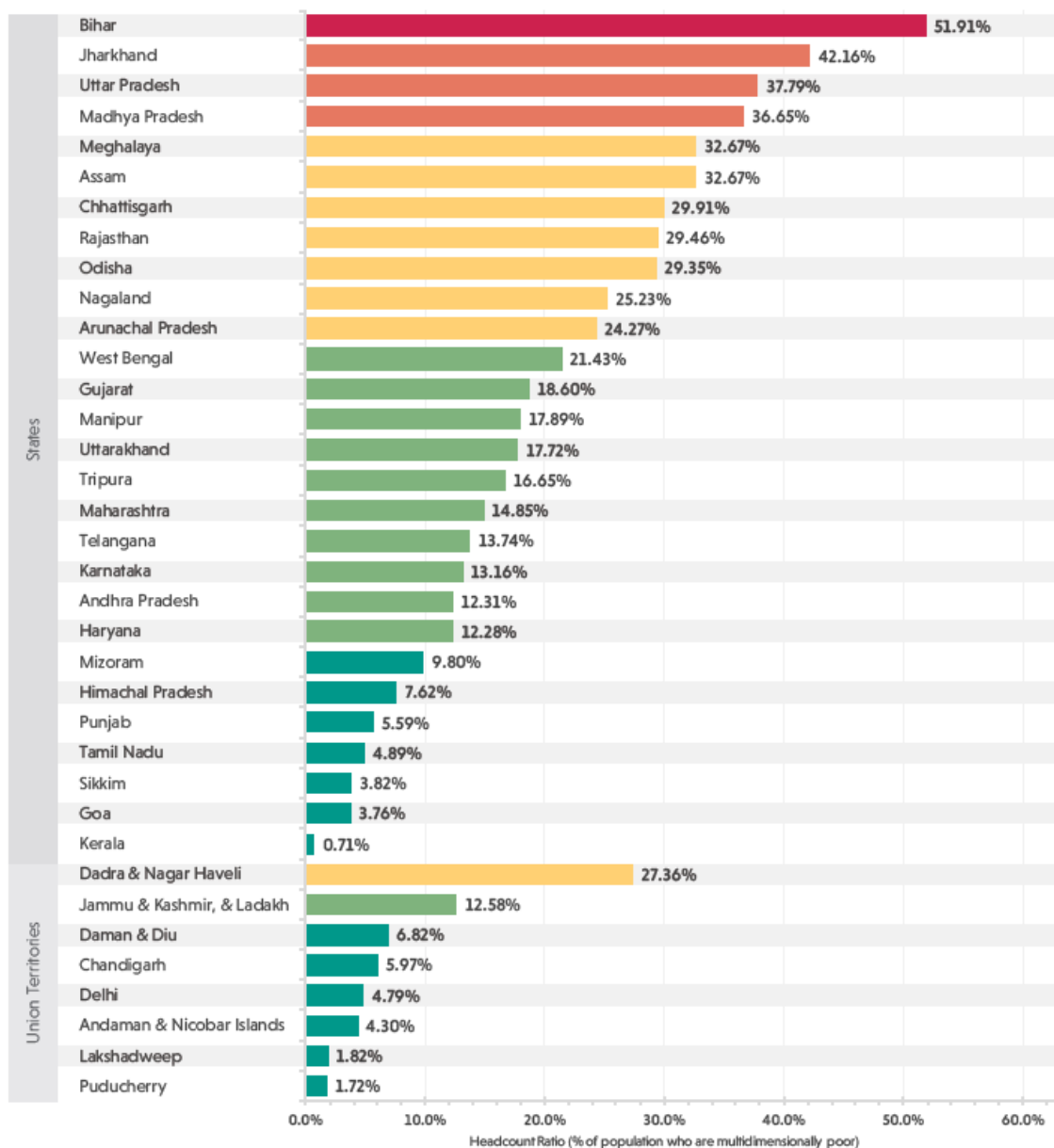
Under this arrangement, the Aspirational Districts of Bihar have so far been sanctioned a total of approximately ₹150 crores. A district-wise list of the performance grant for which these districts are eligible is provided in **Annexure-IV**.

(d) and (e) The broad strategy of the Aspirational Districts Programme includes 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 review the performance of the Districts and guide the District Administration on basis of their long experience. The performance of all Aspirational Districts in Bihar across sectors under focus is publicly available on the Champions of Change portal ([www.championsofchange.gov.in](http://www.championsofchange.gov.in)).

## India: Head Count Ratio, National Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index, NITI Aayog

## India: Headcount Ratio

Percentage of population who are multidimensionally poor in each State/UT



**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 (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%
<b>Total</b>		

**List of all Aspirational Districts in Bihar**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>District</b>
1.	Bihar	Sitamarhi
2.	Bihar	Araria
3.	Bihar	Purnia
4.	Bihar	Katihar
5.	Bihar	Muzaffarpur
6.	Bihar	Begusarai
7.	Bihar	Khagaria
8.	Bihar	Banka
9.	Bihar	Sheikhpura
10.	Bihar	Aurangabad
11.	Bihar	Gaya
12.	Bihar	Nawada
13.	Bihar	Jamui

**District wise list of performance grant allocated to Aspirational Districts of Bihar**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Eligible Grant (in ₹ crores) based on performance inception of the Programme</b>
1.	Araria	4
2.	Aurangabad	11
3.	Banka	9
4.	Begusarai	13
5.	Gaya	9
6.	Jamui	10
7.	Katihar	13
8.	Khagaria	23
9.	Muzaffarpur	18
10.	Nawada	23
11.	Purnia	8
12.	Sheikhpura	3
13.	Sitamarhi	6

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