

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 680
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2022

SCHEMES FOR ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS

†680 SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH PATEL:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any special grant is being provided in tribal districts of Madhya Pradesh by Niti Aayog;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any new scheme has been approved by Niti Aayog for aspirational districts;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any special scheme is under consideration for Barmani district of Khargaun-
- (e) Barwani Parliamentary constituency which comes under the category of aspirational district;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) the places in Madhya Pradesh for which new projects are under consideration of Niti Aayog; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & 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) and (b) No. NITI Aayog does not provide special grants for tribal districts in Madhya Pradesh. As the main strategy of the programme is based on convergence of existing schemes which have their own funding arrangement, large 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 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 Madhya Pradesh (Barwani, Rajgarh, Chhatarpur, Damoh, Singrauli, Khandwa, Vidisha, Guna) have so far been sanctioned a total of ₹60.95 crores.

(c) and (d) The Aspirational Districts Programme is over and above the existing schemes of the Central and the State Governments concerned and as such it is in the nature of additionality. The broad strategy of the Aspirational Districts Programme 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). NITI Aayog does not run any new scheme in Aspirational Districts.

(d) and (f) As stated in (c) and (d) above, NITI Aayog does not run any scheme in Aspirational Districts.

(g) and (h) As stated in (a) and (b) above, 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 and provided performance based grants. Based on the performance grant, it is the districts which undertake specific projects to address critical need felt by them. Details of the projects undertaken by the Aspirational Districts of Madhya Pradesh is provided at **Annexure**.

Details of projects under various stages of implementation in the Aspirational Districts of Madhya Pradesh

District	Projects
Chhatarpur	Upgradation of Health Infrastructure
	Smart Classes for 60 high schools
	Skill development and capacity building through Industrial Training Institutes (ITI) in District
	Installation of solar power system in 74 govt schools having smart classes
	Reconceptualising Pre-Primary Education at Anganwadi Centres
	Skill development and capacity building through ongoing projects on industrial training institutes
	Rejuvenation of Waterbodies
Damoh	Constructions of 10 new Anganwadi buildings
	Establishment of Community Nutrition Hubs and Nutrition Gardens
	Livelihood improvement project through construction of two check dams
	Construction of Boundary wall in 6 schools
	Improving School Infrastructure in order to improve attendance and enrollment
	Improvement and Construction work in Health Facility of District Hospital
Barwani	Transformation of 328 model schools
	Strengthening of ICDS and Health Services facilities
	Strengthening of farming through techno-support and economic empowerment of farmers.
	Financial Empowerment of women through livelihood support by handloom unit
Vidisha	Construction of 32 New Anganwadi Centre Buildings
	To improve institutional delivery by Expanding and Strengthening delivery points
Guna	Safe and Organic Product Program
	Improving ANC coverage through provision of conducive environment during antenatal checkups
	Upgradation of Aaganwadis to 'Anganwadi Pathshalas'
	Enhancing the nutritional value of mid-day meal and employment generation
	Establishment of Anemia Mukta blocks in Guna
	Project Shiksha Sambal
	Providing micro-irrigation facility for crop diversification

District	Projects
Khandwa	Strengthening of High load delivery points
	Capacity Building and Leadership development of teachers, headmasters and Cluster Academic coordinator
	Medical Infrastructure Upgradation at District Hospital- construction of 50 bedded
	School building infrastructure upgradation equipped with sports facilities
	Construction of 4 multipurpose halls
	Onion Grading and Storage
Rajgarh	Procurement of basic medical equipment for CHCs
	Setting up of medical examination tables for check-up of pregnant women at 235 AWCs
	Rooftop Solar Panels for AWCs and Sub-Centres
	Achieving foundational literacy and numeracy (FLN) (Grade 3-5) in mission mode through effective pedagogy.
	Setting up community libraries in Excellence Schools
	Setting up of science labs in schools and providing teacher training
	Setting up of Smart Classrooms in 20 government schools of Rajgarh district
	Strengthening of Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) in 100 Anganwadis
	Rejuvenation of Waterbodies (Window 2)
