

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *21
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024

ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS

*21 SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of criteria for selecting an Aspirational District;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any research/study regarding the functioning of the Aspirational Districts Programme and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated by the Government and utilised for the development of Aspirational Districts in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years;
- (d) the details regarding the performance of each Aspirational District in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years via socioeconomic and developmental outcome indicators as used by the Government along with the details of current development status of Phase 1 Aspirational Districts selected in Andhra Pradesh;
- (e) whether the Government has considered making any changes regarding the indicators used to identify a particular district as an “Aspirational District” and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government has any plan to increase the number of recognised Aspirational Districts and if so, the details thereof?

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 CULTURE

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a). to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (F) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.21* FOR 24.07.2024 REGARDING 'ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS' RAISED BY SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY.

- (a) The 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 - I.
- (b) Yes Sir, there have been independent assessments of the functioning and impact of the Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP).
 - a. UNDP made a comprehensive appraisal of this programme
 - b. Institute for Competitiveness Assessment (a team of expert led by Prof. Michael Porter of Harvard Business school) made a detailed assessment of the programme

The UNDP report titled "Aspirational Districts Programme: An Appraisal," submitted in December 2020, confirmed that significant progress has been made in various aspects such as sector-wise growth, better governance through convergence, and accelerated development through competitive federalism. This progress has been driven by factors including strong leadership, real-time monitoring, data-driven decision-making, and capacity building.

Additionally, the Institute for Competitiveness highlighted that nearly all districts in the ADP have shown improvement on key development parameters compared to the baseline, with the programme successfully advancing social impact and justice by targeting the benefits towards the most disadvantaged areas. The delta ranking system has played a crucial role in fostering a competitive and dynamic culture, which has motivated several low-performing districts to enhance their standings over the past three years. The reports also suggested that the programme could serve as a model for future economic and social development strategies across India.

- (c) Under the Aspirational Districts Programme, districts undertake various developmental projects to address critical gaps using the performance grants they win through the programme's delta ranking method. The total funds sanctioned and utilised for the development of aspirational districts in Andhra Pradesh under the ADP is Rs. 34.2 crores and Rs.11.9 crores respectively. The details of the projects undertaken by aspirational districts of Andhra Pradesh is attached as Annexure II.
- (d) The Aspirational Districts Programme monitors the progress of Aspirational Districts on 49 Key Performance Indicators across sectors, critical for improving quality of life or economic productivity of citizens viz., health, nutrition, school education, agriculture and water resource management, financial inclusion, skill development and basic infrastructure. Details of district-wise performance for the aspirational districts of the

State of Andhra Pradesh are attached as Annexure III. The same is also available on the Champions of Change Portal (<http://championsofchange.gov.in/site/coc-home/>), which is in the public domain.

- (e) The Government has not considered making any changes regarding the indicators used to identify a particular district as an Aspirational District.
- (f) There are no plans to increase the number of selected Aspirational Districts, at present.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 21 FOR 24.07.2024 REGARDING ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS BY SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

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%
Antenatal care (<i>National Family and Health survey (NFHS) - 4</i>)	Health & Nutrition (30%)	7.5%
Institutional delivery (<i>NFHS-4</i>)		7.5%
Stunting of children below 5 years (<i>NFHS-4</i>)		7.5%
Wasting in children below 5 years (<i>NFHS-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		

The sources of the data set are as follows:

1. http://rchiips.org/NFHS/districtfactsheet_NFHS-4.shtml (NFHS 4 Datasheet)
2. <http://secc.gov.in/categorywiseDeprivationReport?reportType=SC%20Category#> (SECC 2011- Deprivation Datasheet)
3. <http://udise.in/drc2015-16.htm> (U-DISE 2015-16 Datasheet)
4. <http://saubhagya.gov.in/> (Saubhagya Website)
5. <http://pmgsy.nic.in/> (PMGSY Website)

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 21 FOR 24.07.2024 REGARDING ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS BY SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Details of the projects undertaken by aspirational districts of Andhra Pradesh

(Rupees in Crores)

S.No.	District	Sector	Name of the Project Sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Utilised
1	Alluri Sitharama Raju	Education	Strengthening Community Libraries in Aspirational Districts	2.00	0.39
2	Alluri Sitharama Raju	Health & Nutrition	Construction of 20 new anganwadi centers to make them function in their own buildings	2.00	0.00
3	Alluri Sitharama Raju	Health & Nutrition	Construction of 20 new anganwadi centers to make them function in their own buildings (Additional Amount)	0.40	0.00
4	Alluri Sitharama Raju	Education	Construction of 10 No's of New School Buildings	1.75	0.00
5	Alluri Sitharama Raju	Basic Infrastructure	Providing Drinking Water facilities to 21 uncovered habitations in ASR District	0.99	0.00
6	Alluri Sitharama Raju	Health & Nutrition	Procurement of 18 Ambulances	3.00	0.00
7	Alluri Sitharama Raju	Others	Sampoornata Abhiyan - Launch & IEC activities	0.05	0.00
Sub total				10.19	0.39

1	Parvathipuram Manyam	Education	Strengthening Community Libraries in Aspirational Districts	2.00	0.82
2	Parvathipuram Manyam	Education	Establishment of Innovation Hub at Parvathipuram	2.00	0.00
3	Parvathipuram Manyam	Education	Establishment of Innovation Hub at Parvathipuram	1.00	0.00
4	Parvathipuram Manyam	Others	Sampoornata Abhiyan - Launch & IEC activities	0.05	0.00
Sub total				5.05	0.82
1	Visakhapatnam	Education	Digital Classrooms in Tribal Areas of Paderu in the district	2.92	2.28
2	Visakhapatnam	Others	Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (Capacity Building)	0.01	0.00
Sub total				2.93	2.28
1	Vizianagaram	Others	Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (Capacity Building)	0.01	0.00
2	Vizianagaram	Health & Nutrition	Provision of Infrastructure facilities in FRU (i.e CHC Area Hospital Parvathipuram & District Hospital)	0.53	0.53
3	Vizianagaram	Health & Nutrition	Procurement of Microscopes for National TB Elimination Programme	0.15	0.14
4	Vizianagaram	Health & Nutrition	Procurement of Digital Weighing Scales	0.50	0.50
5	Vizianagaram	Education	Construction of toilets in Sanskrit College	0.25	0.17

6	Vizianagaram	Education	Infrastructure facilities to social welfare hostels	1.00	0.98
7	Vizianagaram	Financial Inclusion & Skill Development	Skill Development trainings	0.42	0.27
8	Vizianagaram	Education	Providing of Solar Energy Project to Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya APSW Residential schools Social Welfare Hostels for Girls and BC welfare hostels for girls	2.02	2.02
9	Vizianagaram	Health & Nutrition	Providing of Solar Energy Project to Area Hospital Parvathipuram.	0.13	0.13
Sub total				5.01	4.75
1	Y.S.R. Kadapa	Health & Nutrition	Upgradation of District Early Intervention Centres (DEIC)	4.70	3.71
2	Y.S.R. Kadapa	Others	Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (Capacity Building)	0.01	0.00
3	Y.S.R. Kadapa	Others	Inclusive Livelihood Promotion in Tribal Blocks of Aspirational Districts	3.00	0.00
4	Y.S.R. Kadapa	Health & Nutrition	Establishing Proper Sanitation facilities in 265 Anganwadi centres	1.01	0.00
5	Y.S.R. Kadapa	Basic Infrastructure	Safeguarding Community Health through Community Water Purification Systems	1.00	0.00
6	Y.S.R. Kadapa	Financial Inclusion & Skill	Establishment of a Skill Training Hub for unemployed youth in the District	0.95	0.00

		Development			
7	Y.S.R. Kadapa	Agriculture & Water resources	Providing zero-energy cooling chambers to women's Joint Liability Groups	0.04	0.00
8	Y.S.R. Kadapa	Basic Infrastructure	Establishing Community Radio Stations for Community Empowerment	0.30	0.00
9	Y.S.R. Kadapa	Others	Sampoornata Abhiyan - Launch & IEC activities	0.05	0.00
Sub total				11.06	3.71
Grand total				34.25	11.94

* Alluri Sitaramaraju District was carved out of the erstwhile Aspirational District of Visakhapatnam, and Parvathipuram Manyam District was carved out of the erstwhile Aspirational District of Vizianagaram on January 25, 2022. Both Alluri Sitaramaraju District and Parvathipuram Manyam District are now part of the Aspirational Districts Programme replacing Visakhapatnam and Vizianagaram.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 21 FOR 24.07.2024 REGARDING ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS BY SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:

Status of Progress of Aspirational Districts of Andhra Pradesh

Sl no	Indicators	Alluri Sitharama Raju		Parvathipuram Manyam		Y.S.R.	
		Baseline Value	Current Value	Baseline Value	Current Value	Baseline Value	Current Value
Health & Nutrition							
1	Percentage of ANC registered within the first trimester against Total ANC Registration	81.77	83.23	90.9	92.65	87.37	94.74
2	Percentage of Anganwadis/UPHCs reported to have conducted at least one Village Health Sanitation & Nutrition day / Urban Health Sanitation & Nutrition day outreach in the last one month	100	100	100	100	100	100
3	Percentage of children fully immunised (9-11 months) (BCG+ DPT3 + OPV3 + Measles1)	100	96.52	100	100	99.82	100
4	Percentage of deliveries at home attended by an SBA (Skilled Birth Attendance) trained health worker to total home deliveries	0	100	0.08	0	89.57	100
5	Percentage of First Referral Units (FRU) with labour rooms and obstetrics OT NQAS certified (meet LaQShya guidelines)	11.11	22.22	28.57	28.57	33.33	33.33
6	Percentage of institutional deliveries to total estimated	86.42	100	100	100	99.58	100

		Alluri Sitharama Raju		Parvathipuram Manyam		Y.S.R.	
Sl no	Indicators	Baseline Value	Current Value	Baseline Value	Current Value	Baseline Value	Current Value
	deliveries						
7	Percentage of live babies weighed at birth	100	100	100	100	100	100
8	Percentage of low birth weight babies (less than 2500g)	4.72	2.67	2.66	3.31	5.69	3.8
9	Percentage of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) in children under 6 years to total children under 6 years	13.83	9.79	3.67	1.56	4.61	1.03
10	Percentage of newborns breastfed within one hour of birth	94.08	99.39	100	100	96.49	100
11	Percentage of pregnant women (PWs) registered for ANCs to total estimated pregnancies	100	86.23	82.02	83.11	89.77	97.31
12	Percentage of Pregnant women having severe anaemia treated, against PW having severe anaemia tested cases	100	100	100	100	100	100
13	Percentage of pregnant women receiving 4 or more antenatal care check-ups to the total no. of pregnant women registered for antenatal care	Not Available (NA)	91.8	NA	100	91.5	NA
14	Percentage of pregnant women regularly taking Supplementary Nutrition under the ICDS programme	99.41	100	97.84	100	94.36	99.58
15	Percentage of pregnant women tested for Haemoglobin 4 or more times in respective ANCs to total ANC registration	NA	91.8	NA	100	98.5	NA

		Alluri Sitharama Raju		Parvathipuram Manyam		Y.S.R.	
Sl no	Indicators	Baseline Value	Current Value	Baseline Value	Current Value	Baseline Value	Current Value
16	Percentage of Primary Health Centers compliant to Indian Public Health Standards	18.75	4.69	100	100	64.86	100
17	Percentage of Severe Acute Malnourishment (SAM) in children under 6 years to total children under 6 years	2.5	3.04	1.3	0.64	5.27	0.28
18	Percentage of underweight children under 6 years	2.5	2.42	7.45	3.19	6.75	2.49
19	Proportion of Anganwadis with own buildings	41.32	41.32	41.18	41.18	40.79	43.66
20	Proportion of functional FRUs (First Referral Units) against the norm of 1 per 500,000 population (1 per 300,000 in hilly areas)	100	100	100	100	100	90
21	Proportion of specialist services available in district hospitals against IPHS norms	100	100	88.57	94.29	100	100
22	Proportion of sub-centres/PHCs converted into Health & Wellness Centres (HWCs)	100	86.78	100	100	0	100
23	Sex Ratio at birth	896	941	973	1066	949.268 037	923
24	TB treatment success rate among notified TB patients (public and private)	92.78	100	89.92	100	72.58	96.72
25	Tuberculosis (TB) case notification rate (Public and Private Institutions) as against estimated cases	73.43	92.11	84.18	80.25	89.62	67.25
Education							

		Alluri Sitharama Raju		Parvathipuram Manyam		Y.S.R.	
Sl no	Indicators	Baseline Value	Current Value	Baseline Value	Current Value	Baseline Value	Current Value
26	Percentage of elementary schools complying with RTE specified Pupil Teacher Ratio	88.72	93.99	100	100	96.53	100
27	Percentage of schools providing textbooks to children within 1 month of start of academic session	NA	100	NA	100	100	NA
28	Percentage of schools with functional drinking water facility	95.9	99.87	100	100	81.3	100
29	Percentage of schools with functional electricity facility at secondary level	95.9	100	100	95.75	100	100
30	Toilet access: percentage schools with functional girls' toilets	95.23	78.92	98.35	95.75	98.57	99.76
31	Transition rate from primary to upper primary school level	NA	97.41	NA	96.57	100	NA
32	Transition rate from upper primary to secondary school level	NA	97.19	NA	98.23	98.34	NA
Agriculture & Water Resources							
33	Agricultural productivity of Major Crop1 in Kharif	NA	3600	NA	5295	4012	NA
34	Agricultural productivity of Major Crop1 in Rabi	NA	250	NA	7613	4403	NA
35	Agricultural productivity of Major Crop2 in Kharif	NA	700	NA	1515	1496	NA
36	Agricultural productivity of Major Crop2 in Rabi	NA	600	NA	650	735	NA
37	Artificial insemination coverage	60.78	100	90.07	79.23	83.72	87.89

		Alluri Sitharama Raju		Parvathipuram Manyam		Y.S.R.	
Sl no	Indicators	Baseline Value	Current Value	Baseline Value	Current Value	Baseline Value	Current Value
38	Certified quality seed distribution					110351.37	
39	Crop Insurance - Kharif: Percentage of net sown area under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)	NA	80.12	NA	95.54	40.6	NA
40	Crop Insurance - Rabi: Percentage of net sown area in Rabi under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)	NA	73.83	NA	53.04	69.24	NA
41	No. of water bodies rejuvenated under MGNREGA during this period	40	NA	NA	NA	4976	NA
42	Number of Mandis in the District linked to Electronic Market	0	0	0	0	1	1
43	Number of Soil Health Cards distributed	0	0	4680	260	83412	1986
44	Paddy (Common): Percentage change in Price Realization (defined as the difference between Farm Harvest Price (FHP) and Minimum Support Price (MSP))	0	0	1.37	1.37	6.45	
45	Paddy (Grade A): Percentage change in Price Realization (defined as the difference between Farm Harvest Price (FHP) and Minimum Support Price (MSP))	0	0	1.82	1.82	16.35	
46	Percentage increase in agricultural credit	89.22	-46.01	1.36	30.85	NA	NA
47	Percentage of animals	100	100	100	100	100	100

		Alluri Sitharama Raju		Parvathipuram Manyam		Y.S.R.	
Sl no	Indicators	Baseline Value	Current Value	Baseline Value	Current Value	Baseline Value	Current Value
	vaccinated						
48	Percentage of area under micro-irrigation	0	2.28	69.34	73.57	41.59	62.35
49	Percentage share of high value crops to total sown area in district	NA	47.98	NA	97.56	30.14	NA
50	Wheat: Percentage change in Price Realization (defined as the difference between Farm Harvest Price (FHP) and Minimum Support Price (MSP))	0	0	NA	NA	-13.64	NA
Financial Inclusion & Skill Development							
51	Atal Pension Yojana (APY): number of beneficiaries per 1 lakh population	4459	3575.02 6455	3179	5576.43 6769	792	7987.19 0684
52	No. of people certified under Recognition of Prior Learning to non-formally skilled workforce	0	NA	0	NA	NA	0
53	Number of accounts opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana per 1 Lakh population	5108	25434.3 9153	28598	25660.9 4625	13309	25810.1 8923
54	Number of apprenticeships completing to total number of trainees registered on the portal	0.323	19.458	0.166	6.427	NA	29.739
55	Percentage certified trained: differently abled	0	0	0	0	1.39	0
56	Percentage certified trained: minorities	82.291	1.047	0	0	3.67	7.921
57	Percentage certified trained: OBC	82.291	45.026	35.294	57.143	48.62	50.495
58	Percentage certified trained: SC	6.25	3.665	19.44	7.143	20.18	21.782

		Alluri Sitharama Raju		Parvathipuram Manyam		Y.S.R.	
Sl no	Indicators	Baseline Value	Current Value	Baseline Value	Current Value	Baseline Value	Current Value
59	Percentage certified trained: ST	3.125	10.995	0	21.429	0.92	3.96
60	Percentage certified trained: women	45.833	39.267	4.545	28.571	100	47.525
61	Percentage of accounts seeded with Aadhaar to total bank accounts	96.5	91	99.12	95.4	91.2	95.7
62	Percentage of certified youth employed# to no. of youth trained under short term or long term training	0	16.935	0	0	0	0.136
63	Percentage of youth certified in short term or long term training schemes to no. of youth in district in age group 15-29*	0.005	0.072	0	0.006	0.02	0.018
64	Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY): number of enrolments per 1 lakh population	21073	11607	20430	19982	2161	21636
65	Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY): number of enrolments per 1 lakh population	44225	20062	48373	36098	23843	70659
66	Total disbursement of Mudra loan (in Crore rupees) per 1 lakh population	2.151	0.209	0.322	0.923	17.489	34.896
Basic Infrastructure							
67	Cumulative number of kilometres of all-weather road work completed as a percentage of total sanctioned kilometres in the district under PMGSY	70.78	60	0	27.13	100	100

Sl no	Indicators	Alluri Sitharama Raju		Parvathipuram Manyam		Y.S.R.	
		Baseline Value	Current Value	Baseline Value	Current Value	Baseline Value	Current Value
68	Percentage coverage of establishment of Common Service Centres at Gram Panchayat level	81.86	81.86	70.95	100	21.9	100
69	Percentage of gram panchayats with internet connection	81.86	81.86	44.35	73.39	1.14	100
70	Percentage of habitations with access to all weather roads under PMGSY	95.42	10	0	66.67	100	100
71	Percentage of pucca houses constructed for households that are shelterless or have one room with kuchha wall and roof or have 2 rooms with kuchha wall and roof	3.43	8	100	8.54	75.89	100

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