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DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES IN JHARKHAND

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes proposed by NITI Aayog for ensuring availability of roads, electricity, solar power and rural development in Jharkhand during the last five years;
- (b) the details of steps being taken for increasing the means of employment in Jharkhand during last five years;
- (c) the details of steps being taken by the Government for overall development in the State of Jharkhand by NITI Aayog during the last five years; and
- (d) the details of schemes proposed by Prime Minister's development package in Jharkhand in the last five years?

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

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(a) to (d) NITI Aayog, the premier think tank of the Government of India, provides directional and policy inputs, designing long-term policies and programmes. It offers strategic and technical advice to States and Union Territories (UTs) for the development process. No specific schemes for roads, solar power, electricity, or rural development in Jharkhand or Prime Minister's development package has been proposed by NITI Aayog over the last five years. However, NITI Aayog has continuously engaged with the Government of Jharkhand in the spirit of cooperative federalism through the Governing Council meetings and periodic interactions both at official level at the level of Hon'ble Chief Minister. These meetings also aimed to resolve some of the specific issues faced by Jharkhand with different Central Ministries.

Some major initiatives taken by NITI Aayog for all-round development of the State include the following:

1. Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital in Education (SATH-E)

NITI Aayog's Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital in Education (SATH-E) initiative aimed to create 'role model' states in school education, impacting 2.3 crore students, 4.5 lakh teachers and 2.3 lakh government schools in three States including Jharkhand. With the help

of interventions, notable achievements have been recorded in Jharkhand. These include a 12% improvement in student competencies, teacher recruitment, reorganisation of 4600 schools, and establishment of 80 Schools of Excellence. Furthermore, the Digi-SATH initiative ensured continuity of education during the COVID-19 pandemic through online and offline learning modes, extensive use of educational TV content, and the training of elementary school teachers on the Diksha platform.

2. Innovation

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) under NITI Aayog is a flagship program that promotes a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in the country. Under AIM, so far 126 Atal Tinkering Labs have been set up in Jharkhand. Also, Atal Community Innovation Centres (ACICs) are being established to drive innovations towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals of the country. One ACIC at IIT(ISM) foundation, Dhanbad, has been set up in Jharkhand.

3. Competitive Federalism

Aspirational Districts Program

The Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP) aims to quickly and effectively transform the socio-economic conditions in the 112 most under-developed districts nationwide. 19 out of 24 districts in Jharkhand are part of this program. After the launch, these select districts have undergone visible changes across 49 Key Performing Indicators (KPIs).

Aspirational Blocks Program

Building on the success of the ADP, NITI Aayog has launched the Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP) in January 2023 to improve service delivery in India's remotest and less-developed blocks. Jharkhand has 34 aspirational blocks and for implementing and monitoring the programme, a range of initiatives have been taken including deployment of fellows. A three-month "Sampoornata Abhiyan" has also been undertaken to saturate six identified indicators in these blocks.

4. State Support Mission

The State Support Mission (SSM) was established by NITI Aayog to help States and Union Territories to set up State Institutions for Transformation (SITs) as multi-disciplinary resource centres to guide their development strategies. Under this mission, NITI Aayog continuously engages with States including with Jharkhand for establishing SIT in the state.
