

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *27
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024

ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the criteria for selection of aspirational districts;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any research/study regarding the execution of the said programme related to the aspirational districts and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and utilised by the Government for the development of the aspirational districts in Uttar Pradesh particularly in Shravasti and Balrampur districts during the last three years;
- (d) the details of the performance of said aspirational districts of Uttar Pradesh based on the outcomes of socio-economic and developmental indicators used by the Government during the last five years; and
- (e) the present status of development of the aspirational districts of Uttar Pradesh identified under Phase-I?

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 (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) to (E) of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *27 FOR 27.11.2024 REGARDING ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS PROGRAMME BY SHRI RAM SHIROMANI VERMA

- (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.

- (c) Under the Aspirational Districts Programme, districts undertake various developmental projects to address critical gaps using the financial grants they win through the programme's delta ranking method. The details of funds sanctioned and utilized under ADP by the Aspirational Districts of Uttar Pradesh, including Shravasti and Balrampur, over the last three years are provided in Annexure II.
- (d) The Aspirational Districts Programme monitors the progress of Aspirational Districts on the basis of 49 Key Performance Indicators across sectors such as health, nutrition, education, agriculture, water resources, financial inclusion, skill development and basic infrastructure. Details of indicator-wise performance of Balrampur and Shravasti 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 overall and theme-wise percentage improvement achieved by the Aspirational Districts of Uttar Pradesh since inception of the programme till March 2024 is provided as Annexure IV. The same is also available on the Champions of Change Portal (<http://championsofchange.gov.in/site/coc-home/>), which is in the public domain.

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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://secc.gov.in/categorywiseDeprivationReport?reportType=SC%20Category#> (SECC 2011- Deprivation Datasheet)
2. http://rchiips.org/NFHS/districtfactsheet_NFHS-4.shtml (NFHS 4 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 - II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *27 FOR 27.11.2024 REGARDING ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS PROGRAMME BY SHRI RAM SHIROMANI VERMA:

Details of funds sanctioned and utilised by the Aspirational Districts of Uttar Pradesh in the last three years

(All Amounts in INR Crores)

District	FY 21-22		FY 22-23		FY 23-24		Grand Total	
	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Utilized	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Utilized	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Utilized	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Utilized
Bahraich	6.01	3.02	5.00	-	-	-	11.01	3.02
Balrampur	17.95	-	-	-	-	-	17.95	-
Chandauli	21.40	15.73	9.27	3.44	3.00	2.38	33.67	21.54
Chitrakoot	3.01	2.14	13.76	2.03	7.00	-	23.77	4.16
Fatehpur	15.47	9.16	0.95	0.72	2.00	-	18.42	9.88
Shravasti	8.01	7.32	5.00	3.10	-	-	13.01	10.42
Siddharthnagar	5.50	5.35	6.90	2.79	-	-	12.41	8.14
Sonbhadra	10.47	5.23	-	-	-	-	10.47	5.23
Grand Total	87.84	47.95	40.88	12.08	12.00	2.38	140.72	62.40

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Status of Performance of Aspirational Districts Shravasti and Balrampur

Sl no	Indicators	Shravasti		Balrampur	
		Baseline Value (March 2018)	Current Value (March 2024)	Baseline Value (March 2018)	Current Value (March 2024)
Health & Nutrition					
1	Percentage of pregnant women receiving 4 or more antenatal care check-ups to the total no. of pregnant women registered for antenatal care	52.02	98.22	15.8	98.78
2	Percentage of ANC registered within the first trimester against Total ANC Registration	33.41	97.84	34.8	98.26
3	Percentage of pregnant women (PWs) registered for ANCs to total estimated pregnancies	98.37	99.93	95.22	98.78
4	Percentage of pregnant women regularly taking Supplementary Nutrition under the ICDS programme	0	100	0	100
5	Percentage of Pregnant women having severe anaemia treated, against PW having severe anaemia tested cases	12.94	100	96.23	100
6	Percentage of pregnant women tested for Haemoglobin 4 or more times in respective ANCs to total ANC registration	52.02	97.27	27.22	98.78
7	Sex Ratio at birth	956	933	896	962

		Shravasti		Balrampur	
Sl no	Indicators	Baseline Value (March 2018)	Current Value (March 2024)	Baseline Value (March 2018)	Current Value (March 2024)
8	Percentage of institutional deliveries to total estimated deliveries	44.06	69.8	81.97	90.71
9	Percentage of deliveries at home attended by an SBA (Skilled Birth Attendance) trained health worker to total home deliveries	3.61	31.84	7.43	38.67
10	Percentage of newborns breastfed within one hour of birth	93.87	99.69	76.18	100
11	Percentage of low birth weight babies (less than 2500g)	6.54	0.04	27.4	3.6
12	Percentage of live babies weighed at birth	94.8	99.79	100	100
13	Percentage of underweight children under 6 years	20.54	8.8	38.94	9.64
14	Percentage of Severe Acute Malnourishment (SAM) in children under 6 years to total children under 6 years	7.09	1.16	3.1	2.41
15	Percentage of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) in children under 6 years to total children under 6 years	13.42	3.27	16.64	4.82
16	Percentage of children fully immunised (9-11 months) (BCG+ DPT3 + OPV3 + Measles1)	74.52	115.1	81.43	99.98
17	Tuberculosis (TB) case notification rate (Public and Private Institutions) as against estimated cases	50.87	106.71	75.38	100

		Shravasti		Balrampur	
Sl no	Indicators	Baseline Value (March 2018)	Current Value (March 2024)	Baseline Value (March 2018)	Current Value (March 2024)
18	TB treatment success rate among notified TB patients (public and private)	67.38	94.35	86.43	98.65
19	Proportion of sub-centres/PHCs converted into Health & Wellness Centres (HWCs)	0	96.02	23.2	77.94
20	Percentage of Primary Health Centers compliant to Indian Public Health Standards	0	90	0	100
21	Proportion of functional FRUs (First Referral Units) against the norm of 1 per 500,000 population (1 per 300,000 in hilly areas)	25	100	33.33	100
22	Proportion of specialist services available in district hospitals against IPHS norms	50	95	0	100
23	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	70.47	100	100	100
24	Proportion of Anganwadis with own buildings	46.33	51.12	57.19	73.3
25	Percentage of First Referral Units (FRU) with labour rooms and obstetrics OT NQAS certified (meet LaQShya guidelines)	0	40	0	66.67
	Education				
26	Transition rate from primary to upper primary school level	49.03	64.16	96.64	100

		Shravasti		Balrampur	
Sl no	Indicators	Baseline Value (March 2018)	Current Value (March 2024)	Baseline Value (March 2018)	Current Value (March 2024)
27	Transition rate from upper primary to secondary school level	51.79	53.01	84.54	98.97
28	Toilet access: percentage schools with functional girls' toilets	62.59	100	93.28	100
29	Percentage of schools with functional drinking water facility	72.89	100	95.23	100
30	Percentage of schools with functional electricity facility at secondary level	63.24	100	56.31	100
31	Percentage of elementary schools complying with RTE specified Pupil Teacher Ratio	45.97	67.4	20.39	41.77
32	Percentage of schools providing textbooks to children within 1 month of start of academic session	0	100	12.66	100
Agriculture and Water resources					
33	Percentage of area under micro-irrigation	0.27	4.92	0.34	8.11
34	No. of water bodies rejuvenated under MGNREGA during this period	942	503	33	387
35	Crop Insurance - Kharif: Percentage of net sown area under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)	13.84	7.76	20.17	36.52
36	Crop Insurance - Rabi: Percentage of net sown area in Rabi under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)	6.4	8.25	27.03	18.27
37	Percentage increase in agricultural credit	-	2.17	-	5.2
38	Certified quality seed distribution	40156	59908.28	40239	36950

Sl no	Indicators	Shravasti		Balrampur	
		Baseline Value (March 2018)	Current Value (March 2024)	Baseline Value (March 2018)	Current Value (March 2024)
39	Number of Mandis in the District linked to Electronic Market	0	2	0	0
40	Wheat: Percentage change in Price Realization (defined as the difference between Farm Harvest Price (FHP) and Minimum Support Price (MSP))	-2.09	12.94	-8.59	-1.13
41	Paddy (Common): Percentage change in Price Realization (defined as the difference between Farm Harvest Price (FHP) and Minimum Support Price (MSP))	-7.68	-22.13	-9.03	1.92
42	Paddy (Grade A): Percentage change in Price Realization (defined as the difference between Farm Harvest Price (FHP) and Minimum Support Price (MSP))	-10	8.94	-2.52	1.92
43	Percentage share of high value crops to total sown area in district	4.35	9.29	20.94	36.82
44	Agricultural productivity of Major Crop1 in Kharif	2450	4785	2649	2755
45	Agricultural productivity of Major Crop2 in Kharif	0	1250	893	1175
46	Agricultural productivity of Major Crop1 in Rabi	2867	3184	3292	3527
47	Agricultural productivity of Major Crop2 in Rabi	820	1014	1393	1641
48	Percentage of animals vaccinated	79	100	8.94	97.28
49	Artificial insemination coverage	76.55	100	4.28	100

		Shravasti		Balrampur	
Sl no	Indicators	Baseline Value (March 2018)	Current Value (March 2024)	Baseline Value (March 2018)	Current Value (March 2024)
50	Number of Soil Health Cards distributed	53619	0	23256	117253
Financial Inclusion and Skill Development					
51	Total disbursement of Mudra loan (in Crore rupees) per 1 lakh population	4.549336	8.4434	2.100485	15.0551
52	Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY): number of enrolments per 1 lakh population	941	8183	1713	11955
53	Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY): number of enrolments per 1 lakh population	3298	23611	5389	20318
54	Atal Pension Yojana (APY): number of beneficiaries per 1 lakh population	375	4559.436	250	3181.783
55	Percentage of accounts seeded with Aadhaar to total bank accounts	82.9	86.1	81.3	83.6
56	Number of accounts opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana per 1 Lakh population	12118	36165.39	33682	32629.65
57	Percentage of youth certified in short term or long term training schemes to no. of youth in district in age group 15-29*		0	0.02	0
58	Percentage of certified youth employed# to no. of youth trained under short term or long term training		27.196	75.86207	31.093
59	Number of apprenticeships completing to total number of trainees registered on the portal	18.63	16.658	0	9.705
60	No. of people certified under Recognition of Prior Learning to non-formally skilled workforce		0		0

		Shravasti		Balrampur	
Sl no	Indicators	Baseline Value (March 2018)	Current Value (March 2024)	Baseline Value (March 2018)	Current Value (March 2024)
61	Percentage certified trained: women		75	44.83	100
62	Percentage certified trained: SC		100	11.49	60
63	Percentage certified trained: ST		0	0	0
64	Percentage certified trained: OBC		0		0
65	Percentage certified trained: minorities		0	0	0
66	Percentage certified trained: differently abled		0	0	0
Basic Infrastructure					
67	Percentage of gram panchayats with internet connection	19.23	100	34.76	34.76
68	Percentage of habitations with access to all weather roads under PMGSY	100	100	100	100
69	Cumulative number of kilometres of all-weather road work completed as a percentage of total sanctioned kilometres in the district under PMGSY	100	100	100	100
70	Percentage coverage of establishment of Common Service Centres at Gram Panchayat level	72.41	100	93.45	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	72.23	99.01	87.45	99.43

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Overall and theme-wise percentage improvement achieved by districts in Uttar Pradesh since inception of ADP

Sl. No	District	Percentage Improvement since inception					
		Overall	Health & Nutrition	Education	Financial Inclusion & Skill Development	Agriculture & Water Resources	Basic Infrastructure
1	Balrampur	65.12	56.02	95	21.72	21.79	20.38
2	Siddharthnagar	48.39	51.19	45.69	50.8	24.69	21.73
3	Sonbhadra	42.26	41.55	46.58	24.88	19.52	24.16
4	Chandauli	41.15	46.32	32.36	21.72	37.18	32.7
5	Fatehpur	39.71	37.17	37.72	39.14	16	35.4
6	Bahraich	38.69	31.39	39.12	29.13	25.35	30.65
7	Shravasti	37.51	39.75	45.84	20.66	25.91	13.87
8	Chitrakoot	36.65	35.96	44.83	24.1	14.47	19.1
