

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. † 1334

TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025
SRAVANA 6, 1947 (SAKA)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES

†1334. SHRI LUMBARAM CHOUDHARY:
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment of the economically and infrastructurally backward and aspirational districts/States across the country during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details including the list thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any new schemes to boost the economy, human resource development, infrastructure and economic opportunities in the said backward and aspirational districts/States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the amount of financial assistance provided or likely to be provided to various States across the country particularly to Jalore and Sirohi districts of Rajasthan and North-Eastern States including Assam under the scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (e): As per the information provided by NITI Aayog, Aspirational District Programme (ADP) launched in 2018, aims at rapidly transforming the selected 112 underdeveloped districts across the country. Under the Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP), 49 key performance indicators have been selected across Five Themes/sectors (Health and Nutrition, Education, Agriculture and Water Resources, Financial Inclusion and Skill Development and Basic Infrastructure). The performance of these districts is

assessed based on the improvement of these key indicators, and districts are ranked periodically. The list of 112 Aspirational Districts, across 26 States and 1 Union Territory is attached at **ANNEXURE-I**.

Under the Aspirational Districts Programme, districts undertake various developmental projects to address critical gaps using the award money given to them for their performance under the programme. The state-wise fund sanctioned to States including Rajasthan and North-Eastern States including Assam under the ADP since its inception till February 2025 is attached at **ANNEXURE-II**. Jalore district of Rajasthan is not in the list of 112 Aspirational Districts. However, Sirohi district of Rajasthan is in the said list and the amount sanctioned to Sirohi district under the ADP since its inception till February 2025 is Rs 4,81,20,000/-.

**ANNEXURE-I REFERRED IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED
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List of 112 Aspirational Districts of India

S.No.	State	District
1	Andhra Pradesh	Alluri Sitharama Raju
2	Andhra Pradesh	Parvathipuram Manyam
3	Andhra Pradesh	Y.S.R. Kadapa
4	Arunachal Pradesh	Namsai
5	Assam	Baksa
6	Assam	Barpeta
7	Assam	Darrang
8	Assam	Dhubri
9	Assam	Goalpara
10	Assam	Hailakandi
11	Assam	Udalguri
12	Bihar	Araria
13	Bihar	Aurangabad
14	Bihar	Banka
15	Bihar	Begusarai
16	Bihar	Gaya
17	Bihar	Jamui
18	Bihar	Katihar
19	Bihar	Khagaria
20	Bihar	Muzaffarpur
21	Bihar	Nawada
22	Bihar	Purnia
23	Bihar	Sheikhpura
24	Bihar	Sitamarhi
25	Chhattisgarh	Bastar
26	Chhattisgarh	Bijapur
27	Chhattisgarh	Dantewada
28	Chhattisgarh	Kanker
29	Chhattisgarh	Kondagaon
30	Chhattisgarh	Korba
31	Chhattisgarh	Mahasamund
32	Chhattisgarh	Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki
33	Chhattisgarh	Narayanpur
34	Chhattisgarh	Sukma

35	Gujarat	Dahod
36	Gujarat	Narmada
37	Haryana	Mewat (Nuh)
38	Himachal Pradesh	Chamba
39	Jammu & Kashmir	Baramulla
40	Jammu & Kashmir	Kupwara
41	Jharkhand	Bokaro
42	Jharkhand	Chatra
43	Jharkhand	Dumka
44	Jharkhand	Garhwa
45	Jharkhand	Giridih
46	Jharkhand	Godda
47	Jharkhand	Gumla
48	Jharkhand	Hazaribagh
49	Jharkhand	Khunti
50	Jharkhand	Latehar
51	Jharkhand	Lohardaga
52	Jharkhand	Pakur
53	Jharkhand	Palamu
54	Jharkhand	Pashchimi Singhbhum
55	Jharkhand	Purbi Singhbhum
56	Jharkhand	Ramgarh
57	Jharkhand	Ranchi
58	Jharkhand	Sahibganj
59	Jharkhand	Simdega
60	Karnataka	Raichur
61	Karnataka	Yadgir
62	Kerala	Wayanad
63	Madhya Pradesh	Barwani
64	Madhya Pradesh	Chhatarpur
65	Madhya Pradesh	Damoh
66	Madhya Pradesh	Guna
67	Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa
68	Madhya Pradesh	Rajgarh
69	Madhya Pradesh	Singrauli
70	Madhya Pradesh	Vidisha
71	Maharashtra	Gadchiroli
72	Maharashtra	Nandurbar
73	Maharashtra	Osmanabad

74	Maharashtra	Washim
75	Manipur	Chandel
76	Meghalaya	Ri Bhoi
77	Mizoram	Mamit
78	Nagaland	Kiphire
79	Odisha	Balangir
80	Odisha	Dhenkanal
81	Odisha	Gajapati
82	Odisha	Kalahandi
83	Odisha	Kandhamal
84	Odisha	Koraput
85	Odisha	Malkangiri
86	Odisha	Nabarangpur
87	Odisha	Nuapada
88	Odisha	Rayagada
89	Punjab	Ferozepur
90	Punjab	Moga
91	Rajasthan	Baran
92	Rajasthan	Dholpur
93	Rajasthan	Jaisalmer
94	Rajasthan	Karauli
95	Rajasthan	Sirohi
96	Sikkim	Soreng
97	Tamil Nadu	Ramanathapuram
98	Tamil Nadu	Virudhunagar
99	Telangana	Bhadradi Kothagudem
100	Telangana	Jayashankar Bhupalpally
101	Telangana	Kumurum Bheem Asifabad
102	Tripura	Dhalai
103	Uttar Pradesh	Bahraich
104	Uttar Pradesh	Balrampur
105	Uttar Pradesh	Chandauli
106	Uttar Pradesh	Chitrakoot
107	Uttar Pradesh	Fatehpur
108	Uttar Pradesh	Shravasti
109	Uttar Pradesh	Siddharthnagar
110	Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra
111	Uttarakhand	Haridwar
112	Uttarakhand	Udham Singh Nagar

**ANNEXURE-II REFERRED IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED
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**State-wise releases made to the States/UTs under the ADP
since inception till February 2025**

S.No.	State	Total Sanctioned Amount (in Rs cr)
1	Andhra Pradesh	34.25
2	Arunachal Pradesh	20.06
3	Assam	127.60
4	Bihar	202.06
5	Chhattisgarh	117.63
6	Gujarat	22.26
7	Haryana	23.44
8	Himachal Pradesh	15.56
9	Jammu & Kashmir	29.55
10	Jharkhand	230.24
11	Karnataka	31.60
12	Kerala	18.56
13	Madhya Pradesh	94.98
14	Maharashtra	80.52
15	Manipur	20.26
16	Meghalaya	16.06
17	Mizoram	19.06
18	Nagaland	15.31
19	Odisha	135.33
20	Punjab	39.23
21	Rajasthan	66.51
22	Sikkim	18.55
23	Tamil Nadu	33.63
24	Telangana	33.16
25	Tripura	30.26
26	Uttar Pradesh	176.69
27	Uttarakhand	29.68