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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1576
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28TH JULY, 2026

SPECIAL SCHEMES FOR FARMERS OF ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS

1576. SHRI RAM SHIROMANI VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any special schemes have been implemented by the Government for the farmers of Aspirational Districts in the country including Shrawasti and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the financial assistance provided to the farmers of the Aspirational Districts including Shrawasti under the said schemes during the last five years, year-wise and district-wise;
- (c) whether any assessment has been made by the Government regarding the increase in income of the farmers in the Aspirational Districts including Shrawasti as a result of these schemes and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure the expansion of irrigation facilities, crop diversification, better marketing of agricultural produce and access to markets for the farmers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): NITI Aayog launched the Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP) in January 2018, wherein, 117 districts were identified as Aspirational Districts. ADP monitors the progress of 117 Aspirational Districts including Shrawasti on the basis of 49 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) across sectors such as health & nutrition, education, agriculture & water resources, financial inclusion & skill development and basic infrastructure.

Funding under ADP is based on the delta ranking method, which rewards Districts for their quarterly progress in the 49 KPIs. The first and second overall rankers are awarded ₹10 crores and ₹5 crores, respectively, while the top-performing District in each of the five sectors receives ₹3 crores. In total, ₹30 crores is awarded quarterly to the best-performing districts, irrespective of their States. Financial assistance is not provided to individual farmers/beneficiaries.

(c): Detailed information regarding the performance of all 117 Aspirational Districts including Shrawasti on all Indicators is available on the Champions of Change Portal (<http://championsofchange.gov.in/site/coc-home/>), which is in the public domain. The performance of Shrawasti District on 18 Indicators relating to Agriculture & Water Resources theme is at **ANNEXURE-I**.

(d): Government implements schemes such as Per Drop More Crop (PDMC), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), Watershed Development Component (WDC) of PMKSY and Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM) to improve irrigation infrastructure and water-use efficiency.

Crop Diversification is being promoted through the National Food Security & Nutrition Mission (NFSNM), the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses, the National Mission on Edible Oil (NMEO) - Oilseeds & Oil Palm, the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) by encouraging the production and productivity of crops like Millets, Coarse cereals, pulses, oil seeds, oil palm and horticultural crop.

Government implements Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing (ISAM) and Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) to promote creation of scientific storage capacity and also for investment in viable projects for post-harvest market infrastructure. National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) provides online trading platform for better price discovery through competitive online bidding. Farmers Producer Organisations (FPOs) are promoted for better collective bargaining and value chain development.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1576 FOR 28.07.2026 BY SHRI RAM SHIROMANI VERMA “REGARDING SPECIAL SCHEMES FOR FARMERS OF ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS”

Sr. No.	State	District	Indicator	Periodicity	Theme	Baseline (1st Recorded Value)	Jan - Mar 2026
1	UTTAR PRADESH	Shrawasti	Agricultural productivity of Major Crop1 in Kharif	Yearly	Agriculture & Water Resources	2649	2765
2	UTTAR PRADESH	Shrawasti	Agricultural productivity of Major Crop1 in Rabi	Yearly	Agriculture & Water Resources	3306	3540
3	UTTAR PRADESH	Shrawasti	Agricultural productivity of Major Crop2 in Kharif	Yearly	Agriculture & Water Resources	893	1183
4	UTTAR PRADESH	Shrawasti	Agricultural productivity of Major Crop2 in Rabi	Yearly	Agriculture & Water Resources	1426	1650
5	UTTAR PRADESH	Shrawasti	Artificial insemination coverage	Monthly	Agriculture & Water Resources	4.28	100
6	UTTAR PRADESH	Shrawasti	Certified quality seed distribution	Half Yearly	Agriculture & Water Resources	40239	24650
7	UTTAR PRADESH	Shrawasti	Crop Insurance - Kharif: Percentage of net sown area under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)	Yearly	Agriculture & Water Resources	20.17	36.97
8	UTTAR PRADESH	Shrawasti	Crop Insurance - Rabi: Percentage of net sown area in Rabi under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)	Yearly	Agriculture & Water Resources	35.75	19.82

Sr. No.	State	District	Indicator	Periodicity	Theme	Baseline (1st Recorded Value)	Jan - Mar 2026
9	UTTAR PRADESH	Shrawasti	No. of water bodies rejuvenated under MGNREGA during this period	Half Yearly	Agriculture & Water Resources	33	398
10	UTTAR PRADESH	Shrawasti	Number of Mandis in the District linked to Electronic Market	Monthly	Agriculture & Water Resources	0	1
11	UTTAR PRADESH	Shrawasti	Number of Soil Health Cards distributed	Monthly	Agriculture & Water Resources	23256	132656
12	UTTAR PRADESH	Shrawasti	Paddy (Common): Percentage change in Price Realization (defined as the difference between Farm Harvest Price (FHP) and Minimum Support Price (MSP))	Half Yearly	Agriculture & Water Resources	-9.03	-13.25
13	UTTAR PRADESH	Shrawasti	Paddy (Grade A): Percentage change in Price Realization (defined as the difference between Farm Harvest Price (FHP) and Minimum Support Price (MSP))	Half Yearly	Agriculture & Water Resources	-2.52	-7.28

Sr. No.	State	District	Indicator	Periodicity	Theme	Baseline (1st Recorded Value)	Jan - Mar 2026
14	UTTAR PRADESH	Shrawasti	Percentage increase in agricultural credit	Half Yearly	Agriculture & Water Resources	0	-8.62
15	UTTAR PRADESH	Shrawasti	Percentage of animals vaccinated	Monthly	Agriculture & Water Resources	8.94	100
16	UTTAR PRADESH	Shrawasti	Percentage of area under micro-irrigation	Monthly	Agriculture & Water Resources	0.34	8.31
17	UTTAR PRADESH	Shrawasti	Percentage share of high value crops to total sown area in district	Yearly	Agriculture & Water Resources	24.91	6.99
18	UTTAR PRADESH	Shrawasti	Wheat: Percentage change in Price Realization (defined as the difference between Farm Harvest Price (FHP) and Minimum Support Price (MSP))	Half Yearly	Agriculture & Water Resources	-8.59	-3.48
