

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2847
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2026**

**INCLUSION OF PURULIA UNDER THE ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICT
PROGRAMME**

2847. SHRI JYOTIRMAY SINGH MAHATO:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to include Purulia district of West Bengal under the Aspirational District Programme considering its backward socio-economic indicators, large Scheduled Tribe population, drought-prone conditions, inadequate healthcare infrastructure, educational challenges and high levels of poverty and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any assessment of Purulia's eligibility for inclusion under the Programme and if so, the details and the present status thereof; and**
- (c) if not, whether the Government will consider including Purulia in the Aspirational District Programme in view of its developmental needs and strategic importance in the Jangalmahal region?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY
OF STATISTICS & 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) No such proposal is presently under consideration of the Government.

(b) to (c) Does not arise.
