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Title: Request to include Jhargram in the list of Aspirational Districts so that the schemes of the govt. may reach the people of Jhargram, West Bengal.

SHRI KUNAR HEMBRAM (JHARGRAM): Thank you, Speaker Sir, for giving me the opportunity to raise a matter of importance of my Jhargram constituency.

Sir, Jhargram is a district which was carved out from Paschim Medinipur District in 2017. It is also called Jangal Mahal. Most people of this constituency are from backward classes and are Adivasis, and they do not avail their proper rights. At the grassroots level, drinking water facility, road connectivity, educational facility for general people as well as for tribal people, especially, Santalis, women health and sanitation are very very poor. Super speciality hospitals are there but there are no specialists, no medicines and no equipment. Eighty to ninety per cent of Adivasi villages do not have *sauchalayas*. More than 75 per cent poor people have not got the benefit of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

Many centralized schemes like Atal Jyoti Yojana, solar pumps for marginal farmers, etc., could not be implemented there. Still this District is not included in the list of Aspirational Districts.

So, I want to request the department concerned to include Jhargram in the list of Aspirational Districts so that these schemes may reach the people of Jhargram and they may be benefited from it.

Thank you, Sir.

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