

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3523
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2019**

APPOINTMENT OF INCHARGE OFFICER

3523. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

- a) whether the central monitoring incharge have been appointed to monitor schemes being implemented in the backward districts of Maharashtra and Gujarat;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether the Incharge officers have identified shortcomings in their monitoring of projects being implemented in the backward districts of above States; and
- d) If so, the details thereof and the steps taken to remove these shortcomings?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- a) Yes. Government of India has appointed officers from Central Government to monitor progress of key performance indicators in “Aspirational districts” in Gujarat and Maharashtra.
- b) Government of India has not declared any district as a backward district. However, 117 districts in 28 States, which have shown relatively slower progress in socio economic indicators have been identified as “Aspirational Districts.’ These 117 Aspirational Districts include 4 Districts of Maharashtra and 2 districts of Gujarat as follows:

Maharashtra

- 1) Gadchirolli
- 2) Nandurbar
- 3) Osmanabad
- 4) Washim

Gujarat

- 1) Dahod
- 2) Narmada

Government of India has appointed an officer from central Government as central Prabhari officer for each district mentioned above. District wise list of Central Prabhari Officers are placed in annexure-A.

There are 49 key performance indicators having 81 data points in sectors under focus of the aspirational district programme: Health and Nutrition, Education, Agriculture and Water Resources, Financial Inclusion, Skill Development and basic infrastructure. One of the functions of the Central Prabhari Officers is to monitor progress of districts across these 49 indicators.

- c) The Central Prabhari Officers have in general *inter alia* informed that major shortcomings include lack of vision, absence of a robust monitoring mechanism and lack of motivation among the district level officials due to remoteness and other challenges being faced by these districts.
- d) The Central Prabhari Officers have guided the District teams to finalize a district action plan to ensure a focused attention on key sectors in the district. They are regularly visiting districts to motivate the team. In addition, progress made in indicators is being captured and monitored on regular basis on the dashboard of Niti Aayog www.championsofchange.gov.in. For motivating the team, districts are being ranked on the basis of their incremental performance. This has generated healthy competition among district teams to excel in delivery of public service.

List of Central Prabhari Officers

District	Central Prabhari Officers	Designation
Gujarat		
Dahod	Shri Raj Kumar	Director General, ESIC, Ministry of Labour and Employment
Narmada	Shri Rameshwar Prasad Gupta	Additional Secretary, NITI Aayog
Maharashtra		
Nandurbar	Shri Rajesh Aggarwal	Joint Secretary & CVO Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
Washim	Shri Jayashree Mukherjee	Additional Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
Gadchiroli	Shri Kunal Kumar	Joint Secretary –Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
Osmanabad	Shri Asheesh Sharma	Member (Finance)-National Highway Authority of India