

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3524  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2019**

**RANKING OF ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS**

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Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

- a) whether the NITI Aayog has brought out Ranking of 115 Aspirational Districts and if so, the details thereof;
- b) whether the Government has planned to develop country's 115 most backward districts by 2022 and if so, the details thereof, district-wise;
- c) whether the Government is setting up a mechanism for real-time monitoring of Government's development programmes and if so, the details thereof; and
- d) the steps taken by the Government to all backward districts of the country?

**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. Under the on-going Aspirational District Programme, progress made in selected performance indicators is regularly captured on NITI Aayog's web-portal: [www.championsofchange.gov.in](http://www.championsofchange.gov.in) and districts are regularly ranked on the basis of incremental performance. Latest such ranking of Aspirational Districts announced by Niti Aayog on 27-12-2018 is placed at Annexure-I.
- 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." State wise list of these 117 districts are placed at Annexure-II. At present the programme is being implemented in 112 Districts as Government of West Bengal has not yet joined this programme.

The core strategy envisaged in this programme is to improve efficiency in the existing programmes of the Central and the State Governments through convergence. Under this programme, Central Prabhari Officer in the rank of Joint Secretary/Additional Secretaries have been assigned at the Centre level to monitor the implementation of the programme. They are to assist the State governments and the district administrations to improve their performance by acting as a bridge between the State Government, District and the Government of India. 49 Key

Performance Indicators having 81 data points have been identified across important sectors like Health, nutrition, education, agriculture and water resources, financial inclusion and skill development and basic infrastructure and districts have been requested to create district action plan to bring rapid improvement in the targets. A dynamic dashboard is facilitating the district to ascertain its position among the Aspirational Districts in India on the basis of incremental change. This in turn is expected to enthuse the District teams to become competitive and with the assistance of their own State government to improve their position. In addition, key Central Ministries have prioritized these districts in their programme.

This has resulted in improving the focus of the district administration towards the activities which are critical for improving the quality of life of people in these districts and their economic productivity. These innovative features of the programme have resulted in districts improving their performance in key sectors.

- c) For monitoring of the performance of the districts, Government of India has appointed an officer from central Government as Central Prabhari officer for each district mentioned above. As stated above, there are 49 key performance indicators having 81 data points in sectors under focus of the aspirational district programme. One of the functions of the Central Prabhari Officers is to monitor progress of districts across these 49 indicators. In addition, as mentioned above, progress made in these indicators by District teams are being captured on Niti Aayog's web portal [www.championsofchange.gov.in](http://www.championsofchange.gov.in). this has helped in not only ranking that districts on the basis of their performance which in turn motivate them but also offer a tool to District team to continuously assess their performance and improve the same.
- d) Same as in (b) above.

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**Annexure-I****RANKING OF THE BASIS OF INCREMENTAL PERFORMANCE (JUNE TO OCTOBER 2018)**  
(Rank 1 is the best and so on)

<b>State</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Overall Rank</b>
TAMIL NADU	Virudhunagar	1
ODISHA	Nuapada	2
UTTAR PRADESH	Siddharthnagar	3
BIHAR	Aurangabad	4
ODISHA	Koraput	5
JHARKHAND	Gumla	6
JAMMU & KASHMIR	Kupwara	7
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	Namsai	8
BIHAR	Jamui	9
JHARKHAND	Ranchi	10
ANDHRA PRADESH	Vizianagaram	11
CHHATTISGARH	Dakshin Bastar Dantewada	12
MADHYA PRADESH	Singrauli	13
ODISHA	Balangir	14
ASSAM	Udalguri	15
PUNJAB	Firozpur	16
GUJARAT	Narmada	17
JHARKHAND	Lohardaga	18
ANDHRA PRADESH	Y.S.R.	19
TAMIL NADU	Ramanathapuram	20
MADHYA PRADESH	Vidisha	21
PUNJAB	Moga	22
CHHATTISGARH	Mahasamund	23
UTTAR PRADESH	Chitrakoot	24
UTTAR PRADESH	Fatehpur	25
CHHATTISGARH	Rajnandgaon	26
HIMACHAL PRADESH	Chamba	27
CHHATTISGARH	Uttar Bastar Kanker	28
MIZORAM	Mamit	29
HARYANA	Mewat	30
JAMMU & KASHMIR	Baramula	31
MAHARASHTRA	Osmanabad	32
MAHARASHTRA	Gadchiroli	33
ODISHA	Gajapati	34
TELANGANA	Bhoopalapalli (Warangal)	35
ODISHA	Dhenkanal	36

ODISHA	Kandhamal	37
CHHATTISGARH	Kondagaon	38
JHARKHAND	Palamu	39
CHHATTISGARH	Bijapur	40
UTTAR PRADESH	Sonbhadra	41
BIHAR	Nawada	42
MANIPUR	Chandel	43
MADHYA PRADESH	Rajgarh	44
CHHATTISGARH	Korba	45
BIHAR	Banka	46
ASSAM	Darrang	47
SIKKIM	West District	48
UTTAR PRADESH	Chandauli	49
JHARKHAND	Simdega	50
JHARKHAND	Godda	51
UTTAR PRADESH	Shrawasti	52
KARNATAKA	Raichur	53
MADHYA PRADESH	Damoh	54
BIHAR	Khagaria	55
TELANGANA	Asifabad (Adilabad)	56
JHARKHAND	Bokaro	57
ASSAM	Goalpara	58
GUJARAT	Dohad	59
UTTAR PRADESH	Balrampur	60
UTTARAKHAND	Hardwar	61
JHARKHAND	Garhwa	62
CHHATTISGARH	Narayanpur	63
TRIPURA	Dhalai	64
MADHYA PRADESH	Guna	65
UTTAR PRADESH	Bahraich	66
BIHAR	Begusarai	67
TELANGANA	Khammam	68
MAHARASHTRA	Washim	69
UTTARAKHAND	Udham Singh Nagar	70
BIHAR	Purnia	71
RAJASTHAN	Sirohi	72
BIHAR	Gaya	73
JHARKHAND	Khunti	74
JHARKHAND	Dumka	75
BIHAR	Araria	76

ODISHA	Rayagada	77
BIHAR	Sitamarhi	78
ASSAM	Baksa	79
MADHYA PRADESH	Khandwa (East Nimar)	80
BIHAR	Muzaffarpur	81
MADHYA PRADESH	Barwani	82
BIHAR	Sheikhpura	83
MAHARASHTRA	Nandurbar	84
ODISHA	Kalahandi	85
JHARKHAND	Purbi Singhbhum	86
MADHYA PRADESH	Chhatarpur	87
RAJASTHAN	Karauli	88
ASSAM	Barpeta	89
RAJASTHAN	Baran	90
JHARKHAND	Ramgarh	91
RAJASTHAN	Dhaulpur	92
BIHAR	Katihar	93
CHHATTISGARH	Bastar	94
MEGHALAYA	Ribhoi	95
ASSAM	Dhubri	96
JHARKHAND	Pashchimi Singhbhum	97
CHHATTISGARH	Sukma	98
ODISHA	Nabarangapur	99
RAJASTHAN	Jaisalmer	100
KARNATAKA	Yadgir	101
JHARKHAND	Hazaribagh	102
JHARKHAND	Latehar	103
JHARKHAND	Sahibganj	104
ODISHA	Malkangiri	105
ANDHRA PRADESH	Visakhapatnam	106
NAGALAND	Kiphire	107
JHARKHAND	Giridih	108
JHARKHAND	Chatra	109
ASSAM	Hailakandi	110
JHARKHAND	Pakur	111

**Transforming Aspirational Districts**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>District</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	Vizianagaram
2	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
3	Andhra Pradesh	Y.S.R. Kadapa
4	Arunachal Pradesh	Namsai
5	Assam	Goalpara
6	Assam	Barpeta
7	Assam	Hailakandi
8	Assam	Baksa
9	Assam	Darrang
10	Assam	Udalguri
11	Assam	Dhubri
12	Bihar	Sitamarhi
13	Bihar	Araria
14	Bihar	Purnia
15	Bihar	Katihar
16	Bihar	Muzaffarpur
17	Bihar	Begusarai
18	Bihar	Khagaria
19	Bihar	Banka
20	Bihar	Sheikhpura
21	Bihar	Aurangabad
22	Bihar	Gaya
23	Bihar	Nawada
24	Bihar	Jamui
25	Chhattisgarh	Korba
26	Chhattisgarh	Rajnandgaon
27	Chhattisgarh	Mahasamund
28	Chhattisgarh	Kanker
29	Chhattisgarh	Narayanpur
30	Chhattisgarh	Dantewada
31	Chhattisgarh	Bijapur
32	Chhattisgarh	Bastar
33	Chhattisgarh	Kondagaon
34	Chhattisgarh	Sukma
35	Gujarat	DAHOD
36	Gujarat	Narmada
37	Haryana	Mewat
38	Himachal Pradesh	Chamba

39	Jammu & Kashmir	Kupwara
40	Jammu & Kashmir	Baramula
41	Jharkhand	Garhwa
42	Jharkhand	Chatra
43	Jharkhand	Giridih
44	Jharkhand	Godda
45	Jharkhand	Sahibganj
46	Jharkhand	Pakur
47	Jharkhand	Bokaro
48	Jharkhand	Lohardaga
49	Jharkhand	Purbi Singhbhum
50	Jharkhand	Palamu
51	Jharkhand	Latehar
52	Jharkhand	Hazaribagh
53	Jharkhand	Ramgarh
54	Jharkhand	Dumka
55	Jharkhand	Ranchi
56	Jharkhand	Khunti
57	Jharkhand	Gumla
58	Jharkhand	Simdega
59	Jharkhand	Pashchimi Singhbhum
60	Karnataka	Raichur
61	Karnataka	Yadgir
62	Kerala	Wayanad
63	Madhya Pradesh	Chhatarpur
64	Madhya Pradesh	Damoh
65	Madhya Pradesh	Barwani
66	Madhya Pradesh	Rajgarh
67	Madhya Pradesh	Vidisha
68	Madhya Pradesh	Guna
69	Madhya Pradesh	Singrauli
70	Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa
71	Maharashtra	Nandurbar
72	Maharashtra	Washim
73	Maharashtra	Gadchiroli
74	Maharashtra	Osmanabad
75	Manipur	Chandel
76	Meghalaya	Ribhoi
77	Mizoram	Mamit
78	Nagaland	Kiphire
79	Odisha	Dhenkanal
80	Odisha	Gajapati

81	Odisha	Kandhamal
82	Odisha	Balangir
83	Odisha	Kalahandi
84	Odisha	Rayagada
85	Odisha	Koraput
86	Odisha	Malkangiri
87	Odisha	Nawarangpur
88	Odisha	Nuapada
89	Punjab	Moga
90	Punjab	Ferozpur
91	Rajasthan	Dholpur
92	Rajasthan	Karauli
93	Rajasthan	Jaisalmer
94	Rajasthan	Sirohi
95	Rajasthan	Baran
96	Sikkim	West Sikkim
97	Tamil Nadu	Virudhunagar
98	Tamil Nadu	Ramanathapuram
99	Telangana	Asifabad
100	Telangana	Bhopapalli
101	Telangana	Khammam
102	Tripura	Dhalai
103	Uttar Pradesh	Chitrakoot
104	Uttar Pradesh	Fatehpur
105	Uttar Pradesh	Bahraich
106	Uttar Pradesh	Shrawasti
107	Uttar Pradesh	Balrampur
108	Uttar Pradesh	Siddharthnagar
109	Uttar Pradesh	Chandauli
110	Uttar Pradesh	Sonebhadra
111	Uttarakhand	Udham Singh Nagar
112	Uttarakhand	Haridwar
113	West Bengal	Dakshin Dinajpur
114	West Bengal	Maldah
115	West Bengal	Murshidabad
116	West Bengal	Birbhum
117	West Bengal	Nadia