

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *354 (14th Position)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2020

ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of the aspirational districts in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the projects being undertaken in the aspirational districts in Odisha;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to include more districts in the list of aspirational districts and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government is considering to include Angul district in Odisha as aspirational district?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR THE MINISTER OF PLANNING
AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF
STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*354 REGARDING 'ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICT'
RAISED BY SHRI MAHESH SAHOO FOR ANSWER ON 18th MARCH, 2020**

- (a) There are 112 Aspirational Districts in the country. The State-wise list of Aspirational Districts is enclosed at Annexure – I.
- (b) The on-going Aspirational Districts Programme is in the nature of an additional initiative under which convergence among the existing Schemes of Central and State Governments is envisaged. However, in order to foster competitive spirit, and for addressing the critical gaps, additional allocation on challenge route is also envisaged. Every month, districts are assessed on basis of monthly progress and the best performing Districts in overall terms and in each of the five sectors are identified. The first and second rankers in overall terms are awarded Rs. 10 cr and 5 cr respectively. The first ranker from each of the five sectors is awarded Rs. 3 cr each. Under this arrangement since inception of the programme, Gajapati district has secured good ranks in various sectors including Financial Inclusion, Skill Development, Agriculture and Water Resources. The District is working on various projects in Financial Inclusion. Balangir, Dhenkanal, Kalahandi, Kandhamal, Nabarangapur, Nuapada, Koraput and Malkangiri have secured good ranks across various sectors and have become eligible for additional allocation. As per the scheme guidelines, districts are to prepare list of innovative projects. Accordingly, at present these districts are formulating project proposals in the areas under focus in the programme Viz. Health, nutrition, school education, agriculture, financial inclusion, skill development etc.
- (c) Currently there is no proposal to include more districts in the list of Aspirational Districts. However, all the States have been advised to replicate the template of the Aspirational Districts Programme at District and Block level.
- (d) No Sir, as stated in (c.) above, currently there is no proposal to include any additional district in this programme.

List of 112 Aspirational Districts State Wise

List of 112 Aspirational Districts			
S.No.	State	District	No. of Districts
1	Andhra Pradesh	Vizianagaram	3
2	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam	
3	Andhra Pradesh	Y.S.R. Kadapa	
4	Arunachal Pradesh	Namsai	1
5	Assam	Goalpara	7
6	Assam	Barpeta	
7	Assam	Hailakandi	
8	Assam	Baksa	
9	Assam	Darrang	
10	Assam	Udalguri	
11	Assam	Dhubri	
12	Bihar	Sitamarhi	13
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	10
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	2
36	Gujarat	Narmada	

37	Haryana	Mewat	1
38	Himachal Pradesh	Chamba	1
39	Jammu & Kashmir	Kupwara	2
40	Jammu & Kashmir	Baramula	
41	Jharkhand	Garhwa	19
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	2
61	Karnataka	Yadgir	
62	Kerala	Wayanad	1
63	Madhya Pradesh	Chhatarpur	8
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	4
72	Maharashtra	Washim	
73	Maharashtra	Gadchiroli	
74	Maharashtra	Osmanabad	
75	Manipur	Chandel	1
76	Meghalaya	Ribhoi	1
77	Mizoram	Mamit	1
78	Nagaland	Kiphire	1

79	Odisha	Dhenkanal	10
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	2
90	Punjab	Ferozpur	5
91	Rajasthan	Dholpur	
92	Rajasthan	Karauli	
93	Rajasthan	Jaisalmer	
94	Rajasthan	Sirohi	
95	Rajasthan	Baran	
96	Sikkim	West Sikkim	1
97	Tamil Nadu	Virudhunagar	2
98	Tamil Nadu	Ramanathapuram	3
99	Telangana	Asifabad	
100	Telangana	Bhopapalli	
101	Telangana	Bhadradi Kothagudem	8
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	2
110	Uttar Pradesh	Sonebhadra	
111	Uttarakhand	Udham Singh Nagar	
112	Uttarakhand	Haridwar	
Total			112
