

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5634
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2022

ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS IN BIHAR

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Supaul district is among the developed districts of Bihar;
- (b) if so, the position of Supaul district in terms of data set and weightage points wise in comparison to other districts for their selection under Aspirational District Programme;
- (c) the details of the data set and weightage point of various districts of Bihar including Supaul;
- (d) the dates on which the selection process has been carried out to select comparatively lesser developed districts for their fast development under Aspirational Districts Programme, year-wise;
- (e) whether Supaul has also been considered under the said selection process; and
- (f) whether the Supaul is a flood prone area thereby halting its development process due to occurrence of floods every year; and
- (g) if so, the basis on which Supaul district has not been included on the said programme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) Currently, there is no provision in Niti Aayog for declaring any district as developed or otherwise.
- (b) In January 2018, NITI Aayog identified districts through a transparent process which had shown relatively lesser progress in key socio economic indicators. These districts were termed as the Aspirational Districts and a programme was launched to rapidly transform these districts. As per this method, eight districts selected in Bihar as Aspirational Districts had overall lesser progress than Supaul district in 2018. In addition, 5 more districts identified by the Ministry of Home Affairs in Bihar as districts adversely affected by the Left Wing Extremists were also termed as Aspirational Districts. Supaul did not figure in this list. List of 13 Aspirational districts in Bihar is placed at **Annexure-II**.

- (c) to (d) List of data sets and the weight attached to them for selection of these districts is provided at **Annexure – I**. They are available in the public domain. Based on the data values as available in 2018, and weights attached, an index value of all districts in the country was computed using a standardised statistical method to normalise the data. Subsequently, based on their index values, the districts were ranked. In addition to this, 35 Districts, categorized as "most-affected" by Left Wing Extremism by Ministry of Home Affairs were also included. Further, effort was made to include at least one low-scoring District from each State. NITI Aayog shared the list of shortlisted districts with the State Governments concerned with a request that in case the State suggested any change, it would be considered. No request for any change was received from the Government of Bihar. The selection process was finalised by January 2018.
- (e) Yes sir. Since the data pertaining to all the districts in Bihar were examined for shortlisting the district, Supaul District was considered while carrying out the exercise to rank districts as mentioned in (c) to (d) above.
- (f) The district wise list of flood prone areas is not centrally maintained. However, the assessment of flood prone areas of the country has been carried out by different expert committees, and the extent of maximum area affected by floods in any year during 1953-2010 has been estimated as 49.815 mha, the State-wise break up of which is given at **Annexure - III**.
- (g) Districts shortlisted in Bihar either had shown a lesser progress in selected socio-economic indicators than Supaul by 2018 or were more affected by left Wing Extremism. Hence Supaul was not selected.

List of data sets and weights used for selection of Aspirational Districts

DATABASES	SECTOR	WEIGHT
Landless households dependent on Manual labour (<i>Socio Economic Caste Census – Deprivation 7</i>)	Deprivation (25%)	25%
Ante natal care (<i>National Health and Family Survey (NHFS) - 4</i>)	Health & Nutrition (30%)	7.5%
Institutional delivery (<i>NHFS-4</i>)		7.5%
Stunting of children below 5 years (<i>NHFS-4</i>)		7.5%
Wasting in children below 5 years (<i>NHFS-4</i>)		7.5%
Elementary dropout rate (<i>Unified District Information System for Education (U-DISE) 2015-16</i>)	Education (15%)	7.5%
Adverse pupil teacher ratio (<i>U-DISE 2015-16</i>)		7.5%
Un-electrified households (<i>Ministry of Power</i>)	Infra (30%)	7.5%
Households without individual toilets (<i>Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation</i>)		7.5%
Un-connected PMGSY village (<i>Ministry of Rural Development</i>)		7.5%
Rural Household without access to water (<i>Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation</i>)		7.5%
Total		100%

List of 13 Aspirational Districts of Bihar

S. No.	State	District
1.	Bihar	Sitamarhi
2.	Bihar	Araria
3.	Bihar	Purnia
4.	Bihar	Katihar
5.	Bihar	Muzaffarpur
6.	Bihar	Begusarai
7.	Bihar	Khagaria
8.	Bihar	Banka
9.	Bihar	Sheikhpura
10.	Bihar	Aurangabad
11.	Bihar	Gaya
12.	Bihar	Nawada
13.	Bihar	Jamui

Annexure- III

The extent of maximum area affected by floods in any year during 1953-2010 as per the Working Group Report on Flood Management and Region-Specific Issues for XII Plan

S. No.	State	Max. Area affected (million ha)
1	Andhra Pradesh*	9.040
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.207
3	Assam	3.820
4	Bihar	4.986
5	Chhattisgarh	0.089
6	Delhi	0.458
7	Goa	0.000
8	Gujarat	2.050
9	Haryana	1.000
10	Himachal Pradesh	2.870
11	Jammu & Kashmir	0.514
12	Jharkhand	0.000
13	Karnataka	0.900
14	Kerala	1.470
15	Madhya Pradesh	0.377
16	Maharashtra	0.391
17	Manipur	0.080
18	Meghalaya	0.095
19	Mizoram	0.541
20	Nagaland	0.009
21	Orissa	1.400
22	Punjab	2.790
23	Rajasthan	3.260
24	Sikkim	1.170
25	Tamil Nadu	1.466
26	Tripura	0.330
27	Uttar Pradesh	7.340
28	Uttarakhand	0.002
29	West Bengal	3.080
30	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.030
31	Chandigarh	-
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-
33	Daman & Diu	-
34	Lakshadweep	-
35	Puducherry	0.050
	Total	49.815

*Erstwhile state of Andhra Pradesh (prior to promulgation of The Andhra Pradesh Reorganisaion Act, 2014)