

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5146**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025

**ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS PROGRAMME**

5146. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is lagging behind in achieving goals set under the Aspirational Districts Programme, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the funds allocated and utilized under Aspirational Districts Programme during the last five years, year, State and district-wise including Kerala;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted a performance review study of districts under the Aspirational Districts Programme during the last five years and if so, the details thereof, year, State and district-wise including Kerala;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government is planning to add more districts under the Aspirational Districts Programme, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**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 CULTURE

**(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)**

- (a) The Aspirational Districts Programme aims at rapid transformation of relatively under-developed districts. Districts are monitored monthly across sectors such as Health and Nutrition, Education, Basic Infrastructure, Agriculture & Water Resources and Financial Inclusion & Skill Development. Aspirational districts have shown improvement since inception of the programme. The Aspirational districts' performance is monitored on the basis of progress made on these indicators which is available in the public domain on the Champions of Change Dashboard (<http://championsofchange.gov.in/site/coc-home/>).
- (b) Under the Aspirational Districts Programme, districts undertake various developmental projects to address critical gaps using the financial grants they win through the programme's delta ranking method. The details of funds sanctioned and utilized under ADP by all the Aspirational Districts

over the last five years are provided in Annexure, including Kerala. Only Wayanad district is part of ADP in Kerala, with an amount sanctioned of Rs. 18.6 Cr and an amount utilized of Rs. 9.75 Cr.

(c) and (d) There have been two independent assessments of the functioning and impact of the Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP).

- (i) UNDP made a comprehensive appraisal of this programme
- (ii) Institute for Competitiveness Assessment (a team of expert led by Prof. Michael Porter of Harvard Business school) made a detailed assessment of the programme

The UNDP report titled “Aspirational Districts Programme: An Appraisal,” submitted in December 2020, confirmed that significant progress has been made in various aspects such as sector-wise growth, better governance through convergence, and accelerated development through competitive federalism. This progress has been driven by factors including strong leadership, real-time monitoring, data-driven decision-making, and capacity building.

Additionally, the Institute for Competitiveness highlighted that nearly all districts in the ADP have shown improvement on key development parameters compared to the baseline, with the programme successfully advancing social impact and justice by targeting the benefits towards the most disadvantaged areas. The delta ranking system has played a crucial role in fostering a competitive and dynamic culture, which has motivated several low-performing districts to enhance their standings over the past three years.

(e) At present there is no proposal to add more districts under the Aspirational Districts Programme.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5146 FOR 02.04.2025 BY SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN: REGARDING ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS PROGRAMME**

**Details of funds sanctioned and utilized under ADP by all the Aspirational Districts**

State	District	FY 19-20		FY 20-21		FY 21-22		FY 22-23		FY 23-24	
		Sanctioned Amount (in Rs Cr.)	Utilized Amount (in Rs Cr.)	Sanctioned Amount (in Rs Cr.)	Utilized Amount (in Rs Cr.)	Sanctioned Amount (in Rs Cr.)	Utilized Amount (in Rs Cr.)	Sanctioned Amount (in Rs Cr.)	Utilized Amount (in Rs Cr.)	Sanctioned Amount (in Rs Cr.)	Utilized Amount (in Rs Cr.)
Andhra Pradesh	Alluri Sitharama Raju	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.39	8.14	0.00
Andhra Pradesh	Parvathipuram Manyam	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	1.61	3.00	0.00
Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam*	2.92	2.28	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Andhra Pradesh	Vizianagaram*	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.01	5.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Andhra Pradesh	Y.S.R. Kadapa	0.00	0.00	5.00	3.71	0.01	0.00	3.00	0.00	3.00	0.00
Arunachal Pradesh	Namsai	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	12.01	12.01	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00
Assam	Baksa	0.00	0.00	3.00	2.98	7.01	5.80	7.25	6.60	0.00	0.00
Assam	Barpeta	0.00	0.00	10.00	9.33	10.01	6.96	3.00	0.61	0.00	0.00
Assam	Darrang	0.00	0.00	10.00	9.66	1.01	0.79	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Assam	Dhubri	0.00	0.00	3.00	3.00	3.01	3.01	2.20	1.73	0.00	0.00
Assam	Goalpara	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	4.96	4.96	0.00	0.00
Assam	Hailakandi	9.65	4.12	0.00	0.00	0.01	1.70	17.95	10.10	0.00	0.00
Assam	Udalguri	0.00	0.00	5.00	4.50	14.99	8.40	4.63	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bihar	Araria	0.00	0.00	0.97	0.97	0.01	0.00	5.36	0.99	0.00	0.00
Bihar	Aurangabad	0.00	0.00	3.64	2.66	7.38	5.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bihar	Banka	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.01	5.36	2.00	0.34	3.00	3.74
Bihar	Begusarai	0.00	0.00	5.00	2.11	6.01	2.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bihar	Gaya	2.93	2.48	0.00	0.00	4.01	3.48	7.84	3.96	0.00	0.00
Bihar	Jamui	3.00	2.99	0.00	0.00	3.16	2.78	6.85	6.29	0.00	0.00
Bihar	Katihar	0.00	0.00	3.00	2.44	5.01	3.06	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bihar	Khagaria	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.81	12.59	3.72	1.26	13.35	0.00
Bihar	Muzaffarpur	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.01	5.29	11.97	1.42	0.00	0.00
Bihar	Nawada	0.00	0.00	1.14	0.47	21.87	5.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bihar	Purnia	0.00	0.00	2.63	0.26	5.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bihar	Sheikhpura	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.25	3.01	2.65	7.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bihar	Sitamarhi	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.01	1.33	0.00	0.00
Chhattisgarh	Bastar	0.00	0.00	1.93	1.93	4.08	3.38	6.23	2.55	0.00	0.00
Chhattisgarh	Bijapur	2.98	2.98	9.34	9.34	0.01	0.00	8.58	8.58	0.00	0.00
Chhattisgarh	Kanker	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.009	3.00	0.63	0.00	0.00

State	District	FY 19-20		FY 20-21		FY 21-22		FY 22-23		FY 23-24	
		Sanctioned Amount (in Rs Cr.)	Utilized Amount (in Rs Cr.)	Sanctioned Amount (in Rs Cr.)	Utilized Amount (in Rs Cr.)	Sanctioned Amount (in Rs Cr.)	Utilized Amount (in Rs Cr.)	Sanctioned Amount (in Rs Cr.)	Utilized Amount (in Rs Cr.)	Sanctioned Amount (in Rs Cr.)	Utilized Amount (in Rs Cr.)
Chhattisgarh	Kondagaon	8.53	6.69	1.47	1.15	8.01	6.51	2.20	0.63	0.00	0.00
Chhattisgarh	Korba	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chhattisgarh	Mahasamund	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	3.01	3.00	7.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chhattisgarh	Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.20	2.20	0.00	0.00
Chhattisgarh	Narayanpur	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.01	4.53	4.26	3.65	4.99	2.00
Chhattisgarh	Rajnandgaon **	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	4.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chhattisgarh	Sukma	0.00	0.00	7.56	5.11	5.44	5.28	6.74	4.94	0.00	0.00
Gujarat	Dahod	0.00	0.00	4.93	3.85	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gujarat	Narmada	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.01	7.85	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Haryana	Mewat (Nuh)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.02	4.90	9.20	4.51	0.00	0.00
Himachal Pradesh	Chamba	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.01	2.01	5.00	3.11	1.00	0.00
Jammu & Kashmir	Baramulla	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.01	11.36	2.85	2.30	0.00	0.00
Jammu & Kashmir	Kupwara	0.00	0.00	3.00	2.81	0.01	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jharkhand	All Districts	0.00	0.00	20.25	5.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jharkhand	Bokaro	0.00	0.00	1.50	0.55	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jharkhand	Dumka	0.00	0.00	4.50	3.43	10.51	7.86	7.20	2.28	0.00	0.00
Jharkhand	Garhwa	0.00	0.00	5.00	5.00	5.01	5.00	5.07	0.00	3.00	0.00
Jharkhand	Giridih	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	2.01	1.37	0.00	0.00
Jharkhand	Godda	0.00	0.00	1.42	0.43	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jharkhand	Gumla	0.00	0.00	0.97	0.97	2.32	2.32	12.29	10.17	2.19	0.71
Jharkhand	Hazaribagh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.29	2.68
Jharkhand	Khunti	3.00	2.93	3.00	2.60	5.01	3.18	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jharkhand	Latehar	0.00	0.00	4.90	4.90	0.01	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.00
Jharkhand	Lohardaga	0.00	0.00	3.00	2.83	2.01	0.93	11.37	1.73	4.00	2.45
Jharkhand	Pakur	4.92	1.12	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jharkhand	Palamu	0.00	0.00	9.67	9.04	0.01	0.00	5.34	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jharkhand	Pashchimi	0.00	0.00	1.31	1.26	0.01	0.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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d	Singhbhum										
Jharkhan d	Purbi Singhbhum	3.00	2.99	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	2.20	0.00	1.02	0.00
Jharkhan d	Ramgarh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jharkhan d	Ranchi	0.00	0.00	5.00	4.50	0.01	0.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jharkhan d	Sahibganj	6.60	3.22	3.33	3.33	3.22	1.54	9.06	2.12	0.00	0.00
Jharkhan d	Simdega	0.00	0.00	4.02	3.23	12.72	10.10	3.00	0.00	2.95	0.00
Karnatak a	Raichur	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.21	2.12	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Karnatak a	Yadgir	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	8.47	7.02	5.72	3.36	3.00	3.27
Kerala	Wayanad	0.00	0.00	3.00	2.91	5.01	4.65	10.00	2.20	0.00	0.00
Madhya Pradesh	Barwani	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.01	12.51	2.20	1.61	1.00	0.28
Madhya Pradesh	Chhatarpur	0.00	0.00	7.00	6.24	7.71	5.33	8.65	2.51	0.36	0.00
Madhya Pradesh	Damoh	3.00	2.93	3.05	2.92	0.00	0.00	4.98	2.51	0.00	0.00
Madhya Pradesh	Guna	3.00	1.78	0.00	0.00	4.79	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Madhya Pradesh	Khandwa	2.92	2.12	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	8.04	2.57	0.00	0.30
Madhya Pradesh	Rajgarh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.35	4.21	2.01	1.47	0.00	0.00
Madhya Pradesh	Vidisha	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.01	5.38	5.00	0.86	0.00	0.00
Maharas htra	Gadchiroli	0.00	0.00	3.00	3.00	5.01	3.85	3.01	0.91	0.00	0.00
Maharas htra	Nandurbar	0.00	0.00	12.17	10.37	11.81	10.32	3.00	0.67	0.00	0.00
Maharas htra	Osmanabad	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.34	6.31	12.00	8.55	0.00	0.00
Maharas htra	Washim	7.85	7.47	2.00	1.93	7.43	5.09	5.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
Manipur	Chandel	0.00	0.00	2.99	2.99	7.01	7.01	10.20	5.30	0.00	0.00
Meghala ya	Ri Bhoi	3.00	2.99	0.00	0.00	6.88	3.58	6.13	4.26	0.00	0.00
Mizoram	Mamit	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	13.01	12.30	3.00	1.80	0.00	0.00
Nagaland	Kiphire	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.26	1.26	8.96	8.96	0.00	0.00
Odisha	Balangir	0.00	0.00	6.54	4.67	6.47	4.66	2.00	0.00	3.00	0.00
Odisha	Dhenkanal	0.00	0.00	3.00	3.00	3.01	2.04	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Odisha	Gajapati	3.00	2.70	0.00	0.00	13.01	11.67	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Odisha	Kalahandi	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.01	4.08	2.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
Odisha	Kandhamal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.01	4.67	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Odisha	Koraput	0.00	0.00	3.00	3.00	0.01	0.01	2.20	1.10	3.00	1.41
Odisha	Malkangiri	0.00	0.00	3.00	2.55	4.31	2.92	2.27	2.27	4.43	1.44
Odisha	Nabarangpur	0.00	0.00	5.00	4.09	3.01	2.90	3.00	2.69	0.00	0.00

State	District	FY 19-20		FY 20-21		FY 21-22		FY 22-23		FY 23-24	
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Odisha	Nuapada	0.00	0.00	3.00	2.89	8.01	8.01	11.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Odisha	Rayagada	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Punjab	Ferozepur	0.00	0.00	3.00	2.87	15.01	12.40	3.00	0.00	2.85	0.00
Punjab	Moga	0.00	0.00	3.00	2.66	6.01	4.11	5.00	1.08	0.00	0.00
Rajasthan	Baran	0.00	0.00	0.38	0.36	14.83	9.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rajasthan	Dholpur	5.00	4.10	5.00	4.45	0.01	0.74	7.19	2.54	5.00	3.32
Rajasthan	Jaisalmer	2.99	1.27	0.00	0.00	1.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rajasthan	Karauli	0.00	0.00	3.00	1.49	3.01	1.54	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.05
Rajasthan	Sirohi	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.56	1.65	2.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sikkim	Soreng	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	2.01	1.00	0.50
Sikkim	West District***	4.65	4.52	5.35	4.43	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tamil Nadu	Ramanathapuram	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.01	5.39	3.00	0.00	4.00	0.59
Tamil Nadu	Virudhunagar	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	10.01	3.73	7.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telangana	Bhadradi Kothagudem	0.00	0.00	1.36	1.36	0.01	0.00	6.99	0.86	3.00	1.43
Telangana	Jayashankar Bhupalpally	0.00	0.00	1.36	1.36	10.01	10.00	2.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telangana	Kumurum Bheem Asifabad	0.00	0.00	4.36	4.36	0.01	0.00	2.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tripura	Dhalai	10.00	9.99	3.00	3.00	1.99	1.98	10.72	6.03	4.50	2.99
Uttar Pradesh	Bahraich	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	6.01	3.92	5.00	0.75	0.00	0.00
Uttar Pradesh	Balrampur	2.47	2.47	0.00	0.00	17.95	10.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Uttar Pradesh	Chandauli	5.00	4.53	0.00	0.00	21.40	15.73	9.27	6.97	3.00	2.44
Uttar Pradesh	Chitrakoot	3.00	2.23	0.00	0.00	3.01	2.27	13.76	5.64	7.00	0.07
Uttar Pradesh	Fatehpur	0.00	0.00	10.00	7.96	15.47	9.16	0.95	0.72	2.00	0.00
Uttar Pradesh	Shravasti	0.00	0.00	2.98	2.86	8.01	7.61	5.00	3.85	0.00	0.00
Uttar Pradesh	Siddharthnagar	0.00	0.00	2.51	2.48	5.50	5.35	6.90	2.79	0.00	0.00
Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.47	5.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Uttarakhand	Haridwar	2.60	1.64	6.96	6.68	0.01	0.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Uttarakhand	Udham Singh Nagar	0.00	0.00	6.00	5.94	1.01	1.01	3.00	1.50	0.00	0.00

\* Alluri Sitaramaraju District was carved out of the erstwhile Aspirational District of Visakhapatnam, and Parvathipuram Manyam District was carved out of the erstwhile Aspirational District of Vizianagaram on

January 25, 2022. Both Alluri Sitaramaraju District and Parvathipuram Manyam District are now part of the Aspirational Districts Programme replacing Visakhapatnam and Vizianagaram.

\*\* Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki has been carved out of the erstwhile Aspirational District of Rajnandgaon. Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki District are now part of the Aspirational Districts Programme, replacing Rajnandgaon.

\*\*\* Soreng has been carved out of the erstwhile Aspirational District of West Sikkim. Soreng District are now part of the Aspirational Districts Programme, replacing West Sikkim.

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