

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1425
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2022

ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICT PROGRAMMES IN PUNJAB

1425 SHRI VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to add more districts from Punjab in Aspirational District Programme (ADP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of activities that are intended to be undertaken in next one year in districts of Punjab where Aspirational Districts Programme is implemented;
- (d) the details of activities which have been undertaken after the implementation of ADP, district-wise for Punjab; and
- (e) the details of funds released and allocated for the same?

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) and (b) No sir, at present, there is no proposal to include more districts under the Programme. On basis of selected indicators, two districts from Punjab namely Ferozepur and Moga were identified as districts with low progress in socio-economic indicators. The programme pays a focussed attention to the most backward districts in the State.
- (c) and (d) The programme aims at rapid transformation of underdeveloped districts across sectors which are critical for improving quality of life or economic productivity of citizens. These sectors are Health and Nutrition, School Education and Basic Infrastructure, and also Agriculture and Water Resources and Financial Inclusion & Skill Development. 49 key performance indicators have been selected across these sectors and a district's performance is monitored on the basis of progress made on these indicators on a monthly basis which is available in the public domain on the Champions of Change Dashboard (<http://championsofchange.gov.in/site/coc-home/>).

The architecture of the Aspirational Districts Programme is in the nature of additionality. It ensures that development activities under the existing schemes of Central and the State

Governments are implemented efficiently to make improvement in the key performance indicators. To incentivise performance in the districts, the program envisages provision of additional allocation. Every month, districts are assessed on the 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 ₹10 crores and ₹5 crores respectively. The first ranker from each of the five sectors is awarded ₹3 crores each. Districts use this reward money to undertake projects as per their special needs. The projects proposed by Ferozepur and Moga are under various stages of implementation. The list of various projects undertaken by the districts of Punjab are given in Annexure I.

(e) The details of fund released for projects is provided in Annexure I.

ANNEXURE-1

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART(c) to (e) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1425 FOR 19.12.2022 SHRI VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY REGARDING ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICT PROGRAMMES IN PUNJAB

Details of projects under implementation in Aspirational Districts of Punjab

Sl No	District	Project	Sector	Fund Released (in Rs)
1	Ferozepur	Upgradation of Health Department Buildings & Purchase of new equipment	Health & Nutrition	2,52,62,000
2	Ferozepur	Upgradation of anganwadi centres	Health & Nutrition	47,37,725
3	Ferozepur	Installation of Solar Power System in 183 government schools	Education	2,74,50,000
4	Ferozepur	Installation of Sanitary Napkin Vending machine in 200 anganwadis	Health & Nutrition	1,36,17,000
5	Ferozepur	Improvement and Maintenance of Sewerage System	Sanitation	1,85,94,000
6	Ferozepur	Construction of 34 incomplete anganwadi centres buildings with provision of play materials	Health & Nutrition	1,49,94,000
7	Ferozepur	Construction of new school building	Education	1,49,99,600
8	Ferozepur	Smart classroom solution in 269 schools	Education	2,69,00,000
9	Ferozepur	Construction of new PHC with Infrastructure and Medical Equipment	Health & Nutrition	3,34,45,675
10	Ferozepur	Procurement of Equipment and Goods in District Hospital	Health & Nutrition	
Total Fund Released for Ferozepur				18,00,00,000
11	Moga	Provision of electricity through solar system in 31 Primary schools	Education	75,73,752
12	Moga	Upgradation of infrastructure in 4 Urban Primary schools	Education	3,00,00,000
13	Moga	Purchase of A-Scan, Slit Lamp, Non-Contact Tanometer, Motorized Table and Chair for Eye OT	Health & Nutrition	16,46,000
14	Moga	Strengthening of diagnostic testing facilities at point of care in the district	Health & Nutrition	52,04,550

15	Moga	Purchase of fully automatic Dental Chair Unit for District Hospital	Health & Nutrition	3,60,000
16	Moga	Purchase of Serum Analyser of Veterinary Polyclinic Moga	Animal Husbandry	7,00,000
17	Moga	Establishment of Plant Clinic cum Soil Health Laboratory	Agriculture	1,30,00,000
18	Moga	Requirement of a refrigerated van for the transportation of vaccines	Animal Husbandry	15,00,000
19	Moga	Proposal for achieving zero paddy straw burning	Agriculture	3,00,00,000
Total Fund Released for Moga				8,99,84,302