

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1902**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025

**STATUS OF THE ASPIRATIONAL BLOCKS PROGRAMME**

1902 SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of blocks covered under the Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP) since its launch;
- (b) whether the programme has successfully improved socio-economic indicators, including healthcare, education, and basic infrastructure; and
- (c) if not, the key challenges identified and the corrective measures being implemented to address them?

**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 Blocks Programme was launched in January 2023 by the Govt of India covering 500 Aspirational Blocks, spread across 329 districts from 27 States and 4 Union Territories.
- (b) and (c) The Aspirational Blocks Programme is essentially a template for improving governance. The programme monitors all Aspirational Blocks on a quarterly basis across 40 key performance indicators. These indicators fall under crucial sectors of Health & Nutrition, Education, Agriculture & Allied Sectors, Social Development, and Basic Infrastructure. The progress of all 500 Aspirational Blocks on all indicators is monitored and the performance data is publicly accessible via the Champions of Change Dashboard (<https://abp.championsofchange.gov.in/>).

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