

Aspirational Block Development Programme (ABDP)

ASPIRATIONAL BLOCK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

- Aspirational Blocks Development Programme has been conceived on the analogy of “Aspirational Districts Programme” of NITI Aayog, GoI. The selection of 44 Blocks, out of 285 Blocks of UT of J&K, was made on the basis of, 21 indicators covering four major aspects of human development i.e., Poverty (3 indicators), Health & Nutrition (6 indicators), Education (7 indicators) & Basic Infrastructure (5 indicators) aiming for expeditious improvement in the socio-economic status of the selected blocks (most backward blocks) were selected in consultation with NITI Aayog, GoI.
- Aspirational Block Development Programme is a step towards equitable and inclusive development in J&K and is expected to usher new era of development in these blocks
- 44 Aspirational Blocks were selected from UT of Jammu & Kashmir based on their backwardness (Two most backward Blocks from each District with inclusion of at least Ten Most backward blocks of the UT Of J&K).
- It was decided that on achievement of defined Ten Qualifying Criterion/ Indicators Rs One Crore Financial Assistance shall be provided for further Development of the Aspirational Block.
- The proposal was approved in the State Administrative Council after which Government Order was issued by PD&MD Vide No: 11 of 2021 dated: 08.11.2021.

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POVERTY (Weight 20)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Percentage of Homeless Households 2. Percentage of Households living in Katcha Houses 3. Percentage of Landless households dependent on manual labour
HEALTH & NUTRITION (Weight 30)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Percentage of pregnant women receiving 4 or more antenatal care checkup 2. Percentage of Institutional Deliveries to Total Estimated Deliveries in the Block 3. Percentage of Children aged 12-23 months fully immunized 4. Percentage of stunted children under 5 Years 5. Percentage of wasted children under 5 Years 6. Percentage of Households provided subsidized/ Free Ration under NFSA
EDUCATION (Weight 20)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Net Enrolment Ratio (NER) at Primary Level (1-5 class) 2. NER at Upper Primary level (6-8 Class) 3. NER at Secondary level (9-10 Class) 4. Dropout Rate at Elementary Level 5. Retention Rate at Elementary Level (1-8 Class) 6. Percentage of schools having below normal Pupil Teacher Ratio at Elementary Level (1-8 Class) 7. Percentage of Schools having below Normal Pupil Teacher Ratio at Secondary Level (9-10 class)
BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE (Weight 30)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Percentage of households un-electrified 2. Percentage of households without piped water connection 3. Percentage of households without Individual Household Toilets 4. Percentage of unconnected Habitations under PMGSY 5. Percentage of Households using clean cooking Fuel (LPG)

List of 44 Aspirational Blocks

S. No	District	Number of Blocks selected	44 Blocks Selected as Aspirational Block	
1	2	3	4	
A. JAMMU REGION				
1	JAMMU	2	1. Samwan	2. Pargwal
2	SAMBA	2	1. Sumb	2. Rajpora
3	KATHUA	2	1. Duggain	2. Duggan
4	UDHAMPUR	2	1. Mongri	2. Dudu
5	REASI	4	1. Thakrakot	2. Jig Bagli
			3. Mahore	4. Chassana
6	RAMBAN	4	1. Khari	2. Gundi- Dharan
			3. Ukhral	4. Gandhri
7	KISHTWAR	2	1. Marwah	2. Warwan
8	DODA	2	1. Chilli Pingal	2. Kashtigarh
9	RAJOURI	2	1. Khwas	2. Buddhal Old
10	POONCH	2	1. Mankote	2. Balakote
B. KASHMIR REGION				
1	SRINAGAR	2	1. Khanmoh	2. Harwan
2	ANANTNAG	2	1. Chattergul	2. Larnoo
3	KULGAM	2	1. Manzgam	2. D.K. Marg
4	SHOPIAN	2	1. Keller	2. Ramnagri
5	PULWAMA	2	1. Ichgoze	2. Aripal
6	GANDERBAL	2	1. Gund	2. Lar
7	BUDGAM	2	1. Suresyar	2. Pakharpora
8	BARAMULLA	2	1. Singhpora	2. Uri
9	BANDIPORA	2	1. Tulail	2. Arin
10	KUPWARA	2	1. Keran	2. Machil
	TOTAL	44	44 Blocks	

PREDEFINED TEN QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR AVAILING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

S.NO	Indicator	Unit	Target	Achievement	Amount (Rs. In lakhs)
1	2		3	4	5
1	Setting up;				100.00 Lakhs
	a. Panchayat Play fields	No.			
	b. Youth Clubs	No.			
	c. Sports activities <i>(At least one facility each in every Panchayat of the Aspirational Block)</i>	No.			
2	Panchayat meetings held for reviewing development activities, creating awareness <i>(At least one meeting in every Panchayat of the Aspirational Block)</i>	No.			
3	Plantation activities taken up through Panchayat Committees <i>(At least one Plantation Activity/Drive of 100 Trees in every Panchayat of the Aspirational Block)</i>	No.			
4	Activities taken up for celebrating Azadi ka Mahotsav <i>(At least one activity in Educational institute/ Panchayat/ Govt Department of every Panchayat of the Aspirational Block)</i>	No.			
5	Perceptible change in the cleanliness of the block such as garbage collection and disposal <i>(Installation of twin dust-bins in every Panchayat of the Aspirational Block)</i>	No.			
6	Improvement in school enrolment ratio (Primary classes) <i>(Positive increase in enrolment of students in schools in every Panchayat of the Aspirational Block)</i>	Percentage points			
7	Functional & separate girls toilet in schools	No.			
8	Saturation in individual beneficiary scheme				
	a. Old age pension	No.			
	b. PMAY	No.			
	c. MGNREGA mandays <i>(Upto preceding Month)</i>	No.			
9	Water harvesting activities carried out <i>(At least one water harvesting activity in every Panchayat of the Aspirational Block)</i>	No.			
10	Adoption of modern agriculture practices				
	1. Adoption of High Yield Variety of Crops,	1. Percentage			
	2. Sanction of Loans for purchase of Mechanized Agricultural Implements,	2. No.			
	3. Implementation of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi <i>(in every Panchayat of the Aspirational Block)</i>	3. Percentage			

OPERATIONAL MODALITIES FOR ABDP

- The Aspirational Block Development Programme is being implemented under the overall supervision of the District Development Commissioner (DDC) concerned. For smooth implementation of the programme, a Nodal Officer have been designated by the DDC.
- To become eligible for availing Financial Assistance of Rs One Crore for the identified Aspirational Block of a particular district, satisfactory performance certificate from the DDC (on pre devised format) on pre-defined Ten Qualifying Criterion/ Indicators is mandatory.
- DDC shall also prepare Aspirational Block Development Programme Plan in convergence mode, for holistic development of concerned Aspirational Block.
- PD&MD shall forward Aspirational Block Development Plan to Finance Department for release of funds (Rs one crore).
- The Finance Department shall release funds to concerned District for the concerned Aspirational Block.
- Monitoring of Aspirational Block shall be done through a Dashboard, which shall be prepared by NIC, on which monthly data shall be uploaded by the concerned Nodal Officer of the District
- Aspirational Block Development Programme shall be supervised by a senior officer from Civil Secretariat for which GAD shall be requested to nominate Mentoring Officers for these Aspirational Blocks.

PRESENT STATUS

- For monitoring the progress of these 44 Aspirational Blocks, a Monitoring Framework had been developed which contains 61 Data Points - 49 Key Performance Indicators.
- “Aspirational Block Development Programme” (ABDP) Dashboard had been developed by National Informatics Centre (NIC), J&K, on the Monitoring Indicators in very short time. The dashboard was hosted on 4th February, 2022 on NIC Platform.
- District Nodal Officers of Aspirational Block Development Programme are populating the data on monthly basis from March onwards. The Base will be 31st December, 2021/1st January, 2022.
- The dashboard will rank the 44 Aspirational Blocks on monthly basis on the basis of progress made by these blocks. All the 44 Aspirational Blocks have uploaded data on the ABDP portal. After through scrutiny of data some discrepancies has been found in the data. Districts are requested to rectify the data and upload the same on ABDP dashboard, the same is still awaited from their end.

ACTIONABLE POINTS

All the districts were requested to submit ABDP Plan as per revised guidelines:

- Focus should be laid on the low performing indicators identified for socio economic development (due to which block is ranked backward) in the concerned Aspirational Blocks.
- Importance to be laid on Skill development and employment generation.
- Augmentation of the education and health infrastructure in the block. Construction of boundary walls may be undertaken from other relevant schemes Of RDD.
- Providing Connectivity in remotest areas including foot bridges etc convergence with MGNREGA.
- Focus on improving the nutrition status of women/children.
- Waste/garbage disposal for proper sanitation on modern lines.
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- The revenue expenditure item like awareness camps, publicity campaigns, Panchayat meetings, purchase of dustbins and installation of sign boards/ banners etc activities/ Works benefitting individual and Duplication of activities/ works should be avoided.

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- Certificate of Benchmark Achievement to be submitted for availing Financial Assistance
- The Data uploaded on the ABDP Dashboard on Monitoring Indicators is highly inconsistent. DDCs get the uploaded data checked once again for correctness of results. PD&MD is crosschecking the data and the observations shall be conveyed.
- The Nodal Officer at Secretariat in PD&MD is Mr. Suneel Pandita, Joint Director, PD&MD. (E-mail-jtdirdsg.2020@gmail.com. Phone-9419175645).
- Till date none of the Aspirational Blocks has updated the consistent data.
- Till date 06 Aspirational Blocks of Poonch, Rajouri & Baramulla District had submitted Aspirational Block Development Plan as per revised guidelines.

UPDATED STATUS

1. Correction of inconsistent data

Till date none of the Aspirational Blocks has updated the consistent data.

2. Submission of Revised Aspirational Block Development Plan

06 Aspirational Blocks of districts Poonch (Balakote & Mankote), Rajouri (Khawas & Budhal Old) & Baramulla (Uri & Singhpora) had submitted revised Aspirational Block Development Plan

3. Submission of Benchmark Achievement Certificate

None of the Aspirational Blocks have submitted the certificate of benchmark