

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3099  
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**SETTING UP OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES IN ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS**

**3099. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:**

Will the Minister of **HEAVY INDUSTRIES** भारी उद्योग मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 112 districts have been identified as aspirational districts in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the unemployment and migration is a major problem in the said districts particularly in Palamu and Garhwa districts of Jharkhand;
- (c) if so, whether the Government proposes to set up heavy industries in the said districts to address the said problem; and
- (d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**  
**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES**  
**(SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)**

- (a). Yes, Sir. As reported by NITI Aayog, there are 112 aspirational districts under the Aspirational Districts Programme.
- (b). As reported by NITI Aayog, Composite Index for selection of Aspirational Districts considered 11 parameters, as at **annexure**, in which there is no mention of unemployment and migration.
- (c). Since Industry is a State subject, the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) does not deal with setting up of heavy industries in any part of the country including Jharkhand.
- (d). Does not arise.

## Composite Index for selection of Aspirational Districts

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

(Source: NITI Aayog)