

State Finance Division
NITI Aayog

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Subject: Self-Appraisal Form Under Section 4(1)(b) of RTI Act, 2005

Manual 1.4: Norms for discharge of functions [Section 4(1)(b)(iv)]

1.4	Norms for discharge of functions[Section 4(1)(b)(iv)]	
1.4.1	Nature of functions/ services offered	<p>The Division seeks to strengthen coordination with States and serve as a single point of contact for all matters pertaining to finances of States and multi-State issues.</p> <p>The NITI NCAER States Economic Forum portal provides a wide range of State level reports, research papers, articles or blogs summarising the macro and fiscal landscape of States.</p> <p>The Division is also undertaking a Research Study on “Reforming State Public Sector Enterprises (SPSEs) / State Autonomous Bodies (SABs) in India.</p> <p>Nodal for all recommendations made from NITI Aayog to Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance relating to ‘Special Assistance’ to States under the demand ‘Transfers to States’.</p> <p>Issues related to the Finance Commission, funding requests for special projects and inter-governmental transfers.</p> <p>Engagement with leading institutions and think tanks facilitating knowledge support to States on their fiscal and financial matters.</p>
1.4.4	Time-limit for achieving the targets	State Finance Division adheres to prescribed time-limit and the nature of the case for achieving the targets.
1.4.5	Process of redress of grievances	State Finance Division follows extant procedure of Govt. of India and other instructions issued from time to time by the competent authority of NITI Aayog for redressal of grievances.

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NITI Aayog
(ADP & ABP Division)

Self Appraisal Report for Year 2025- 26:

The Aspirational Districts Programme & Aspirational Blocks Programme (ADP & ABP) unit has following broad responsibilities

1. ADP and ABP related matters

The details of ADP & ABP are as follows:

S.No	Details of Disclosure	Brief Reply
1.4	Norms for discharge of functions (Section 4 (1) (b) (iv)	
1.4.1	Nature of Functions/ Services Offered	Annexure I Attached
1.4.4	Time Limit for achieving the targets	Depends upon the nature of work
1.4.5	Process of redress of grievances	Through RTI, E- Samiksha Portals and CPGRAMS

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS
PROGRAMME(ADP) AND ASPIRATIONAL BLOCKS PROGRAMME(ABP)**

The ADP launched on 5th January 2018 by the Government of India and anchored by NITI Aayog, aims to bring transformative changes in the most under-developed districts of India called Aspirational Districts. As of now, 112 Districts have been identified by ranking them on deprivation and other critical sectors like health, nutrition and education, among others. On similar lines of ADP, Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP) was launched in January 2023. The ABP programme focuses on improving governance to enhance the quality of life of citizens in the most difficult and underdeveloped blocks of India by converging existing schemes, defining outcomes, and monitoring them on a constant basis. In both the programmes performances of districts or blocks, as the case may be, is assessed by monitorable Key Performance Indices (KPIs) and the top performing districts or blocks are provided award money under challenge method. 513 blocks from across 27 states and 4 Union Territories of India are part of the programme.