







Some inputs about Proposed Scheme of

Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY)

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Proposal under consideration:

- Merger of 3 Centrally Sponsored schemes as component schemes:
 - Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCA to SCSP)
 - Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY)
 - Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana (BJRCY)

Rationale for merger:

- Holistic development based on needs identified
- Expansion of IT framework already in place for PMAGY
- Schemes have common objectives & implementing agencies
- More target-oriented projects suited to local requirements
- Better targeting of the beneficiaries
- Convergence of Need Assessment and coverage data
- Optimal utilization of resources
- Comprehensive monitoring mechanism
- Faster processing and releases

Objectives of the proposed Scheme:

- Reduce poverty of the SC communities by generation of additional employment opportunities through skill development, income generating schemes and other initiatives.
- To improve socio-economic developmental indicators by ensuring adequate infrastructure and requisite services in the SC dominated villages.
- To increase literacy and encourage enrolment of SCs in schools and higher educational institutions by providing adequate residential facilities in quality institutions, as well as residential schools where required; in the aspirational districts/SC majority blocks and elsewhere in India.

PM-AJAY – Proposed changes – PMAGY Component

Existing Provisions	Proposed provisions	Rationale
Selection Criteria for villages:ScheduledCastesmajorityvillages having total population > 500	To be defined by Ministry from time to time depending on pace of coverage & availability of funds.	To enable coverage of Villages with more SC Population.
Flow of Funds: The first instalment, up to 50% of the admissible grant, will be released immediately on selection of the villages	Only "Administrative and Other Expenses" i.e. Rs.0.80 lakh/Rs.0.40 lakh per village to be released as first instalment on selection of villages	
Balance admissible Central Assistance would be released in respect of the VDPs finalized by the Gram Sabha as 2nd instalment.	Entire admissible Central Assistance of Rs.20.00 lakh/Rs.9.50 lakh per village under "Gap-filling" component would be released for villages where VDPs finalized	• No cost overrun

PM-AJAY – Proposed changes – SCA to SCSP Component

Existing Provisions	Proposed provisions	Rationale
Fund Allocation Criteria		
Funds are allocated to the States/UTs based on	Funds allocated to	To simplify the
following criteria:	State/UTs on basis of	process and
1. SC population of the State/UTs(40%)	following criteria:	incentivize States
2. Relative backwardness of the State/UTs (inverse	1. Scheduled Castes	focusing more on
of State per Capita Domestic Product)(10%)	population of the	SC welfare.
3. % of SC families in the State/UTs covered by	State/UTs(50%)	
Composite Economic Development Programmes	2. Proportion of Special	
in the Plans to enable them to cross the Poverty	Component Plan to the	
line(25%)	State's Annual Plan as	
4. Special Component Plan to the Annual Plan as	compared to the SC	
compared to the SC population percentage in the	population percentage in	
State/UTs (25%)	the State/UTs (50%)	

PM-AJAY – Proposed changes – SCA to SCSP Component Contd...

Existing Provisions	Proposed provisions	Rationale	
Scheduled Castes persons living below the poverty line	For Projects creating systems or infrastructure aimed at multiple beneficiaries for many-fold increase in income – No income limits but priority to HH with income < Rs. 2.5 lakh/ year	As no uniform definition for BPL & for wider coverage. Evaluation	
	Individual based funding – Household income below Rs. 2.5 lakhs per annum	report also recommended.	
No specific provision for separate projects to be designed at District/State level.	Projects designed at District and State-level keeping in view the local needs	Selection of relevant projects with ownership	
Each State/UT follows its their own	Preference to district level projects.	of implementing agencies.	
systems for planning which is based mostly on a top-down approach.	State-wide projects aimed at direct benefit of SCs shall also be taken up.	Evaluation report also recommended.	

PM-AJAY – Proposed changes – SCA to SCSP Component Contd...

Existing Provisions	Proposed provisions	Rationale
Not available	Proposal of Land purchase with costing on pilot basis.	 SECC data shows only 0.24 per cent of SC households own 2.5 acre or above area as agricultural land. Evaluation Report recommends. Recommended by last EFC.
Subsidy of 50 per cent of the project cost, subject to maximum of Rs 10,000/	Subsidy of 50 per cent of the individual asset, subject to maximum of Rs 50,000/	 For more attractive and viable projects Evaluation Report recommends. Recommended by last EFC.
Funds are released to the State Government.	 Fund flow mechanism to Districts/States to be as per guidelines being finalized for CSS by the Ministry of Finance. Until the same is finalized, funds will be released directly to the Implementing Agencies identified by the States. Release to Implementing Agencies other than States will be done directly by Ministry using PFMS and following EAT. Individual centric benefits, if any, will be transferred in DBT mode by the implementing agencies. 	Eliminating parking of funds at the State level and improving transparency.

PM-AJAY – Proposed changes – BJRCY Component

Existing Provisions	Proposed provisions	Rationale
The scheme is implemented through the State Governments, UT Administrations and Central & State Universities/Institutions.	ranked Universities/	Expansion of coverage to more SC students in quality institutions.
 The scheme presently has the following funding pattern: For Girls Hostel:100% For Boys Hostel: 50%, 90%, 100% and 45% to State Government, Central Universities / Institutions, UT Administrations and State Universities/ Institutions respectively. 	It is proposed to have a uniform funding pattern of 100% irrespective of gender & implementing agency	

PM-AJAY – Proposed changes – Other changes

Existing Provisions Proposed provisions		Rationale
Provision of 5% of the total allocation under PMAGY as administrative cost and 4% under SCA to SCSP	allocation of the	 Evaluation brought out lack of monitoring mechanisms at all levels & emphasised on need of robust centralised IT system for planning, implementation and monitoring. Funds will be used for: Setting up Technical Support Group-cum-Project Management Unit at Centre & Project Implementation Units at State & District levels. IT system development and maintenance. Need Assessment, including HH Surveys Trainings &Capacity Building IEC Activities Organizing events for India@75

PM-AJAY – Proposed changes – Other changes Contd...

Existing Provisions	Proposed provisions	Rationale
No provisions for Social Audit	Social Audit will be conducted once every year	Better implementation and transparency
There are three distinct schemes that are proposed to be merged each having different funding methodology	selected PMAGY villages.Up to 2% of the total allocation will be	For proper distribution of Funds

PM-AJAY – Component wise (Scheme-wise) Expenditure

Name of Scheme	Actu	tual Expenditure (in Rs. Cr.)			
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Total	
Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCA to SCSP)	731.85	897.25	1114.73	2743.83	
Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY)	39.00	167.88	717.95	924.83	
Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana (BJRCY)	74.91	36.55	25.00	136.46	
Total	845.76	1101.68	1857.68	3805.12	

Little about the existing Scheme – SCA to SCSP

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Background of the existing Scheme – SCA to SCSP

- Central Sector Scheme since 1980
- >100 % grant under the Scheme
- ≻Grant is additive to State/UT SCSP
- ➢Increasing income for SCs living below the poverty line by way of Income Generating schemes, Infrastructure & Skill Development
- Scheme implemented in 28 States/UTs
 - Not Covered States/UTs:
- States: Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Meghalaya & Mizoram
- ≻UTs: A & N Islands, Dadra Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu & Lakshadweep

The main objective of the scheme is to increase the income of the target population by way of various income generating schemes, skill development activities and infrastructure development.

To reduce the poverty among the target population and bring them above the poverty lines.

COMPONENTS



Income Generating Schemes

- Boost Entrepreneurship among SCs
- Subsidy of Rs 10000/- per beneficiary or 50% of loan



Skill Development Programmes

- Enhance Capacity Building through training
- Skill Training in line with National Framework



Infrastructure Development

- Development Programmes in SC majority villages
- Fills critical gaps in overall development

Income Generating Schemes and Skill Development Programmes

Infrastructure Development

Scheduled Castes persons living below the poverty lines Villages having 50% or more SC population

S1.	Criteria	Percentage Share
a)	SC Population of the States/UTs	40 %
b)	Relative Backwardness of States/UTs	10%
c)	SC Families Covered by Composite Economic Development in the State Plan	25%
d)	Share of SCSP in Annual Plan as compared to SC population	25%

PROJECTS FOR INCOME GENERATION

- SC Families living below Poverty Line
- Viable Income Generating Activities
- Through State level implementing agencies
- Admissible Subsidy: Rs. 10,000/- per beneficiary (50 % of the project cost or maximum of Rs. 10,000/- per beneficiary whichever is lesser)
- Income generating activities designed as per the local requirements can be funded for the economic development of Scheduled Castes

PROJECTS FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT

- SC Families living below Poverty Line
- At least 10% of the releases can be used for the component
- Skill Development activities as per Guidelines and Norms of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE)
- Placement of trained candidates either in wage employment or in selfemployment must be at least 70%.
- The compensation of training cost should be limited to the extent of Common Cost Norms (CCN) or NCVT Guidelines as applicable from time to time.

4 TYPES OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- Up-skilling/Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL): The duration of the training programmes will be 32 to 80 hours and spaced over up to one month, duly keeping in mind the occupational hours of the trainees.
- Short Term Courses (focus on women and self-employment): The duration of the training programmes will be normally 200 hours to 600 hours and up-to 5 months or as stipulated in National Occupational Standards (NOS) and Qualification Packs (QPs).
- Entrepreneurial Development Programmes (EDP): The duration of the training will normally be 80 hours (10 days) or as stipulated in MoRD Guidelines.
- Long Term Courses (for global class skills for those educated up to 10th class or more): The duration of the training programmes will be six months and above and usually up to 1 year, as stipulated by the concerned Board/Regulatory Body of the training centre.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS

- State Skill Development Missions (SSDMs) who are expected to have ground level knowledge of the skill aspirations and employment opportunities in their state as also access to literature on Skill Gap analysis carried out by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).
- Affiliated Training Providers (TPs) of SSDM/SSCs/TIs.
- Institutes in pannel of National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC).
- Other institutions having a good track record of conducting relevant skill training programmes and placing the trained candidates.
- Partners for Long Term Training should have experience of having successfully trained at least 1000 candidates during the last 3 years with > 70% placement of trained candidates. Only Govt. owned Institutions are allowed for conducting Long Term Training.

PROJECTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

- Critical Infrastructure Gaps in SC Majority Villages and other Infrastructure
 Projects for the benefits of the target group
- Up to 30% of the releases can be used for the component
- Through State level implementing agencies
- priority should be given to atrocity prone areas and aspirational districts

- ◆Up to 3 % of the total SCA released can be utilized by the States/UTs for supervision, monitoring and evaluation of the Scheme Implementation.
- ♦ Up to 15% of total SCA will be used for women beneficiaries.
- ◆Up to 5% of total SCA will be used for specially abled beneficiaries.
- 2% of the total budget allocation e North Eastern States
- Scheme has a Committee for evaluation of Annual Action Plans submitted by the States.

IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING & EVALUATION

- The State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations will mandatorily select the beneficiaries under the Income Generating and Skill Development projects funded under the scheme through open transparent process.
- The implementing agencies are expected to: maitain greater transparency and ensure time-bound processing of their applications and grounding of the scheme.
- The States/UTs should send the monthly physical and financial progress report on utilization of SCA within 15 days after the end of each month and the annual progress report on the utilization of funds within 1 months of the end of each financial year to the Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- The financial and physical formats designed for Monthly and Annual Reports are enclosed at Format-II and III respectively.
- Annual Action Plan shall be prepared in decentralized manner and submitted online through web-portal: https://pmajay.dosje.gov.in.

Plan for 2021-22

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'Grant to States' component of Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) (earlier known as Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCA to SCSP)

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PM-AJAY – Plan for 2021-22

- Scheme of PM-AJAY is yet to get approved from competent authority.
- It has been decided to run each component of the scheme as per present Scheme Guidelines of the respective Schemes.
- During 2021-22 the component related to earlier scheme of SCA to SCSP (Special Central Assistance for Scheduled Caste Sub Plan) will be implemented as per existing guidelines of SCA to SCSP.
- State needs to submit their Annual Action Plan (AAP) in online mode through the web-portal <u>https://pmajay.dosje.gov.in</u>.
- Login credentials for State and District Level Officers has been sent to email of Principal Secretary of the States.
- There are two id's for each level (State/District). One for creation of projects and another for its approval.
- > De-centralised planning will be used for creation of projects.

PM-AJAY – Component wise proposed outlay

	Name of component	Outlay proposed (in Rs.cr.)					
		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Total
1.	Adarsh Grams (appx. 50%)	900	975	1025	1075	1125	5100
2.	Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation (up to 5%)	90	97.5	102.5	107.5	112.5	510
3.	Construction/expansion/maint enance of Hostels not covered by the States (up to 2%)	36	39	41	43	45	204
4.	Grant in Aid to the District/State	774	838.5	881.5	924.5	967.5	4386
	Total	1800	1950	2050	2150	2250	10200

PM-AJAY – Notional allocation of funds under Grants to States

Sl. No.	State	Notional Allocation	Sl. No.	State	Notional Allocation	
1	Andhra Pradesh	2979.15	15	Madhya Pradesh	4865.33	
2	Assam	4476.68	16	Maharashtra	4680.20	
3	Bihar	5626.68	17	Manipur	463.55	
4	Chandigarh	77.40	18	Odisha	2477.31	
5	Chhattisgarh	1067.74	19	Puducherry	15.58	
6	Delhi	294.22	20	Punjab	3278.51	
7	Goa	5.26	21	Rajasthan	4215.26	
8	Gujarat	1291.43	22	Sikkim	58.01	
9	Haryana	1774.33	23	Tamil Nadu	5367.78	
10	Himachal Pradesh	687.82	24	Telangana	1914.50	
11	Jammu & Kashmir	323.68	25	Tripura	2742.75	
12	Jharkhand	1203.99	26	Uttar Pradesh	14742.49	
13	Karnataka	3753.16	27	Uttarakhand	556.07	
14	Kerala	952.20	28	West Bengal	7508.61	
TOTAL (Rs. 773.9970 Lakh)						

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (AAP)

✤ It would be mandatory for the State Governments/UTs Administrations to submit the Annual Action Plan in order to get the grants under the scheme.

✤ The Annual Action Plan should be submitted by the end of May of every year so that the appraisal process is completed by end of June and the second installment is released thereafter.

State Governments/UTs Administration may prepare the AAP as per the local requirements indicating the various income generating schemes, skill development programmes, infrastructure development requirements in convergence with State SCSP etc.

The format for submitting the Annual Action Plan is enclosed at Format-I
(A to F) of Scheme Guidelines but AAP is required to be submitted online.

1. AG	RICULTURE & SOIL CONSERVATION				
a)	Training-cum-demonstration to Scheduled Castes farmers.				
b)	Distribution of seeds/fertilizers/pesticides etc. to Scheduled Castes farmers.				
c)	High yielding variety programme in Scheduled Caste cultivators' land.				
d)	Commercial crops programme in Scheduled Caste cultivators' land.				
e)	Assistance for promoting organic and environment friendly farming.				
f)	Assistance to persons/landless agricultural labourers belonging to Scheduled Castes for				
	reclamation/development of their lands.				
g)	Assistance to Scheduled Caste families who have been distributed surplus land for developing and cultivating the				
	land.				
h)	Honey Bee keeping and processing.				
i)	Sericulture and related activities.				
j)	Plantation of specific species as part of soil conservation measures.				
k)	Other measures for soil conservation.				

2. HORTICULTURE

- a) Training to Scheduled Castes farmers in growing, marketing of fruits and vegetables produce.
- b) Taking up fruit and vegetable plantation in Scheduled Castes beneficiary land.
- c) Small nurseries, seed farms etc. incidental to the above.

3. MINOR IRRIGATION

- a) Subsidy/assistance to individual beneficiaries for dug-wells, tube wells, irrigation pump sets, farm ponds etc.
- b) Check-dams, diversion channels, water harvesting structures, dug-wells, tubewells, cooperative lift points for Scheduled Caste groups/communities having 50% or more Scheduled Caste beneficiaries.

4. ANIMAL HUSBANDARY

a) Training of Scheduled Castes for promotion of Animal Husbandry.

b) Assistance for milch cattle and diary farming.

c) Assistance for poultry.

d) Assistance for goat/sheep.

e) Assistance for pigs and duck units.

f) Assistance to Animal Husbandry related cooperative societies in the areas with substantial Scheduled Caste population.

5. FISHERIES

- a) Training of Scheduled Castes in fish production, collection etc.
- b) Assistance to Scheduled Caste families for pisciculture.
- c) Subsidy/assistance to Scheduled Caste fishermen to purchase fishing boats, nets etc.
- d) Development of Scheduled Caste fishermen cooperatives.

6. FOOD PROCESSING

- a) Support for food processing activities.
- 7. FORESTRY, ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT
 - a) Development of Social and agro-forestry benefiting Scheduled Caste families.
 - b) Programmes for improvement of ecology and environment having a bearing on family-oriented economic programmes.

8. HANDICRAFTS AND HANDLOOMS

a) Assistance to Scheduled Caste artisans/craftsmen for setting up of businesses and small and cottage industries.

b) Introduction of new craft programmes among ScheduledCaste families.

c) Assistance for promotion of Handloom and Textiles.

9. INDUSTRY, SERVICE AND BUSINESS (ISB)		
Manufacturing units	Readymade garments units	Plumbing
Leather units	Retail shops, Grocerys	Auto, Automobile repair units
	and Showrooms	
Carpentry, Furniture	Gems & Jewellery related activities	IT/ITeS Services
making units		
Printing units	Electronics related activities	Media and Entertainment
Brick making units	Bakery units	Healthcare
Rubber units	Boutiques	Banking & Financial Services
		related.
Paints and coating units	Beauty parlour	Others

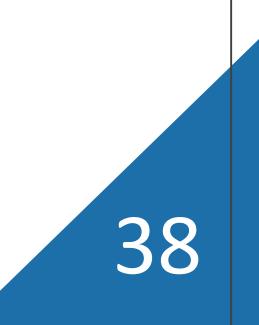
10. HANDICRAFTS AND HANDLOOMS

- a) Formation of new cooperatives and strengthening existing Cooperatives with substantial Scheduled Caste members for promoting ventures in various sectors.
 b) Working capital assistance to Scheduled Caste cooperatives engaged in production of consumable items etc.
- c) Strengthening of consumer cooperatives, labour cooperatives and other cooperatives having a substantial number of Scheduled Caste members.
- d) Training to Scheduled Caste members of cooperatives in management and administration of cooperatives.

e) Processing/marketing cooperatives.

Plan for 2021-22

Release of funds during 2021-22



RELEASE OF FUNDS (present procedure)

- While releasing the first instalment (50% of Notional Allocation), the Utilization Certificate of the grants released for the previous to last year Financial Year would be necessary.
- The second instalment to the State Government/UTs Administration would be released subject to the following conditions:
 - ✓ The State Government/UT Administration should furnish the information on effort based criteria i.e percentage of families covered by Composite Economic Development Programmes & Special Component Plan to the Annual Plan as compared to the SC population latest by the month of August every year.
 - ✓ Utilization of at least 50% of the SCA released to them in the previous financial year should be submitted by the State Governments/UTs Administrations.
 - ✓ The State Governments/UTs Administrations should have submitted their Annual Action Plan (AAP) including details of Allocation and Utilization of DAPSC/AWSC/SCSP funds.
 - ✓ The Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) set up under the scheme should have appraised and approved the activities based on the Annual Action Plan and reviewed the implementation of AWSC/SCSP.

RELEASE OF FUNDS (revised procedure)

- State/UT Government will designate a Single Nodal Agency(SNA), who will open Single Nodal Account at State level in a Scheduled Commercial Bank.
- The Implementing Agencies(IAs) should use the SNA's account or may open Zero-Balanced Subsidiary Accounts (ZBSA).
- All ZBSA will have allocated drawing limits to be decided by SNA from time to time.
- ➤ The SNA account and all ZBSA should preferably by maintained with the same bank.
- The State Scheme Manager (SSM) will register/configure an SNA for an State Level Scheme (SLS).
- The States will maintain separate budget lines for Central and State share in respect of CSS in their Detailed Demand for Grants (DDG), and make necessary provisions of State Share in the State's budget. 40

RELEASE OF FUNDS (revised procedure)

- ➤ The State Government will register the SNA and all IAs on PFMS and use the unique PFMS ID assigned to the SNA and IAs for all payments to them.
- Bank accounts of the SNAs, IAs, vendors and other organisations receiving funds will also be mapped in PFMS.
- SNA and IAs will mandatorily use the EAT module of PFMS or integrate their systems with the PFMS to ensure that information on PFMS is updated by each IA at least once every day.
- Existing bank accounts of IAs should be closed & funds lying in these account must be transferred to SNA.

RELEASE OF FUNDS (revised procedure)

- > One Central Government Scheme can be linked to multiple SLS.
- ➢ If the SNA opts for having ZBSA for the IAs, new ZBSAs should be opened.
- If scheme implemented using PD Accounts or accounts of similar style, then also balances need to be transferred to SNA account.
- The Ministry/Department will release the Central Share to the State Government's Account held in the Reserve Bank of India for further release to the SNA's account.
- □ The State Government will transfer the Central Share received in its account in the RBI to the concerned SNA's account within a period of 21 days of its receipt.
- Only 25% of the allocated fund will be transfeted during each quarter subject to assessment of balance available in the SNA account.

> Mapping of Agencies:

- 1. SSM need to approach, State Directorate of PFMS stationed in the State Hqrs., with all relevant details such as SLS codes, Bank Account numbers of SNA and ZBSAs, hierarchy of implementation of the SLS etc. for configuring the same in the PFMS portal.
- 2. The SNA and all IAs need to be registered on PFMS for the respective SLS. It will be the responsibility of the SSM to register and map the first level agency i.e. SNA in the hierarchy, for the Scheme (s) administered by him.
- 3. Further registration of IAs and mapping the IAs in the hierarchy can be carried out by the upper level agencies.

> Mapping of Schemes:

- 1. State treasury system (IFMS of State) should have the information of SLS, unique code, bank accounts of SNA. These details will be shared by PFMS with State treasuries through web service or any other mode.
- 2. On release of funds to SNAs by the State treasury system, the payment and other details as per point 1 above should be shared with PFMS through the Treasury Integration route.
- 3. The Finance Department in the State shall ensure that the SLS and corresponding heads of accounts (both Centre and State share) are mapped correctly in the PFMS-State Treasury interface.
- 4. Finance Department in the State shall ensure interchange of data with PFMS through Treasury interface module on daily basis. This will facilitate provision of accurate information to various MIS users of GoI and States to monitor the utilisation of funds.

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