

Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Social Justice and Empowerment

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To,

1. The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries in charge of Social Welfare/Scheduled Castes Welfare Department in the State/UTs of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, J&K, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Odisha, Punjab, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttrakhand and West Bengal.
2. The Principal Secretaries of Rural Development Department, Govt. of Haryana & Jharkhand.
3. The Principal Secretary, Panchayanti Raj Department, Govt of Telangana.
4. The Director, Directorate of Community and Rural Development, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong.

Subject:-Minutes of the Video Conference held with States/UTs on 25.11.2020 regarding implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) and Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCA to SCSP)-reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to send herewith the minutes of the Video Conference held on 25.11.2020 under the Chairpersonship of Joint Secretary (SCD-B), Department of Social Justice and Empowerment with States/UTs for discussing the implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) and Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCA to SCSP) for your kind information and necessary action please.

Encl: As above.

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1. PPS to Secretary, DOSJE
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3. PS to Director(SCD-B)/US(SCA to SCSP)

Annexure

Minutes of the Meeting held with States/UTs on 25.11.2020 regarding implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) and Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCA to SCSP)

A meeting with the States/UTs Government was held on 25.11.2020 through Video Conferencing, under the Chairpersonship of Joint Secretary(SCD-B) for taking forward the implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) and Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCA to SCSP). Director (SCD-B) along with Under Secretary(PMAGY), Under Secretary(SCA to SCSP) and System Analyst, NIC(SJE) were also present in the meeting. A list of participant States is annexed.

2. Initiating the discussion, the Joint Secretary(SCD-B) informed the participants that the present meeting has been called in view negative feedback from various agencies regarding the slow implementation of both the schemes in the country, leading to benefits not flowing to the target group despite funds being available with the implementing agencies. She further informed that the scheme of PMAGY is being monitored at the highest levels through the PRAYAS portal of PMO. There is a need to speed up the implementation of the scheme, particularly in relation to the grounding and completion of identified works in the VDPs/iVDPs and utilization of central assistance released under the scheme. With regards to scheme of SCA to SCSP, the huge unspent funds lying with the State/UT Governments is a major concern which needs to be addressed by the concerned State/UT Governments. Unless the same is not resolved, the further continuation of these schemes would be at risk.

3. After detailed discussions, following issues emerged which need to be addressed by the State/UT Governments:

a. Common issues emerged regarding both the Schemes:

- i. State/UT Governments were requested to report the progress, physical as well as financial, for PMAGY on the MIS portal and for SCA to SCSP through designated forms in the Scheme Guidelines, as and when the progress happens.
- ii. All States informed that due to the pandemic situation the progress under the skill development and income generating schemes of SCA to SCSP has suffered badly. Similarly Infrastructure works under PMAGY as well as SCA to SCSP are also delayed. Also, even though the Districts have approved the VDPs but the Gap Filling funds have not been released by the States. Large number of VDPs are pending for approval/finalization as due to COVID-19, the Districts Magistrates are not holding the DLCC Meetings.
- iii. From the discussion related to unspent balance available with States, BE and RE, it emerged that the budget planning at State level in some States is not in sync with the releases of the Central Government. Thus, funds released by the GoI do not reach the implementing agencies/departments due to insufficient budget provisions. However, some States reported that they have asked for additional budget through either reappropriation or through additional allocation and are likely to get the necessary allocations.

iv. States were advised to examine the VDPs under PMAGY and identify the essential infrastructure works which could not be executed due to insufficient funds. Such priority works could be clubbed together and a formal Action Plan may be prepared quickly under Infrastructure Development component of the SCA to SCSP and submitted to GoI by 15th December 2020, for approval and release of funds. It must be aimed to complete such works by 31st March 2020. Separate plans on similar lines may also be kept ready for 2021-22 and submitted as a part of Annual Action Plan -2021-22 under SCA to SCSP for the next year

b. Issues related to PMAGY:

- i. There is a huge gap in no. of VDPs/iVDPs generated and no. of VDPs/iVDPs approved by the District level Convergence Committees(DLCCs) resulting in delay in start of works identified to be executed in the VDPs/iVDPs. As such States/UTs may immediately convene a meeting at the Principal Secretary/Secretary level to direct the concerned District Magistrates/Collectors to expedite approval of those VDPs/iVDPs so that the grounding of works may start.
- ii. The convergence of schemes is the focal point and the welfare schemes being implemented by the other departments are to be saturated in the villages selected under the scheme of PMAGY. There is a need for proper co-ordination with these departments at district level for early completion of works/saturation of beneficiaries identified for convergence with the scheme being implemented by them.
- iii. In case there is a likelihood of non-completion of works/saturation of beneficiaries identified under any of the schemes of other departments due to any reasons or likely to be delay in completion, the State/UT Governments may leverage the funds for such works/activities from the Scheme of SCA to SCSP. As mentioned above, in such cases State/UT Governments may rework the financial requirement for such works and send the proposal to the Ministry for approval by 15th December 2020..
- iv. The State Governments which have villages selected under Phase-I of the scheme need to expedite the works identified in such villages and declare all these villages as 'Adarsh Gram', as per the guidelines then applicable, by 31.01.2020 and expedite the UCs in respect of funds released.
- v. The State/UT Governments may ensure submitting the UCs in respect of funds released in 2018-19 by 31st March, 2020 so that the funds may be released in the next financial year 2021-22.
- vi. Ten thousand Villages have to be declared as 'Adarsh Grams' before August 2022 which will be 75th Year of Independence. States were advised to work towards this target.
- vii. It was advised by the many States that though works have been started, and in many cases completed as well, however, the data has not been entered in the portal. The States were advised to do so immediately so that the work done is also visible.

c. Issues related to SCA to SCSP:

- i. States has been requested to furnish the details of BE, RE, BE (2021-22) and expenditure during this year along with monthly expenditure plan for next four months. These reports are required for taking the decision about further release of funds to the States.
- ii. States should target to expeditiously utilize the unspent balance available with them and aim for submission of 100% UCs upto 2018-19 and 50% UC for the releases during 2019-20,.
- iii. The States desiring funds during this financial year should explicitly come forward with formal communication to this office.
- iv. States which do not require funds during this financial year need to act fast to utilize the unspent balance during this financial year itself.
- v. States like J&K, Kerala, Tripura and Odisha which have committed expenditure under the Skill Development Component may submit the details so that the proposal for release of fund could be processed at the earliest.
- vi. States such as Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Sikkim and Bihar facing issues with non-release of funds from State Treasury may immediately take-up the matter with appropriate authority in the State. A status note regarding this may also be sent to GoI.
- vii. Revised AAPs submitted by Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Puducherry, J&K should immediately be processed in the Ministry. The additional proposals under Infrastructure development sent by Tamil Nadu may also be examined quickly for release of funds.

4. The meeting ended with thanks to chair.

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List of Participants

1. Smt. Kalyani Chadha, Joint Secretary, DOSJ&E- In Chair
2. Shri Arvind Kumar, Director
3. Shri Deepak Kumar Sah, Under Secretary
4. Shri Sanjay Kumar, Under Secretary
5. Shri Anand Verma, System Analyst

Representatives from the following States/UTs attended the meeting:

Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

Representatives from following States did not attend the meeting:

Scheme:- SCA to SCSP:

1. Assam
2. Chandigarh
3. Goa
4. Jharkhand
5. Maharashtra
6. Puducherry
7. Uttarakhand
8. West Bengal

Scheme:- PMAGY:

1. Assam (due to poor connectivity)
2. Puducherry (Holiday)
3. Meghalaya