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

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 25th March, 2025

To,

The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries in charge of Social Welfare/
Scheduled Castes Welfare Department in the State of Uttar
Pradesh, Punjab and Chhattisgarh.

Subjectg: Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Project Appraisal cum Convergence Committee (PACC) for 2024-25 held through VC on 25.03.2025 for the 'Grants-in-aid' component of the scheme of Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) - reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the approved Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Project Appraisal cum Convergence Committee (PACC) in FY 2024-25 held through VC on 25.03.2025 at 12.30 PM under the chairpersonship of Secretary, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment for the 'Grants-in-aid' component of the scheme of Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) for kind information and necessary action, please.

Encl: As above.

Signed by Rakesh Kumar

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MINUTES OF 3rd MEETING OF THE PROJECT APPRAISAL CUM CONVERGENCE COMMITTEE (PACC) FOR THE YEAR 2024-25 HELD THROUGH VC ON 25.03.2025 FOR THE 'GRANTS-IN-AID' COMPONENT OF THE SCHEME OF PRADHAN MANTRI ANUSUCHIT JAATI ABHYUDAY YOJANA (PM-AJAY)

The 3rd meeting of the Project Appraisal cum Convergence Committee (PACC) for the year 2024-25, set up under the Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) to consider the projects under the component of 'Grants in Aid for District/ State-level projects for Socio-Economic betterment of SCs' {erstwhile scheme of Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCA to SCSP)}, was held through VC on 25.03.2025 at 12:30 PM under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment. Additional Secretary (CKD) and Joint Secretary (PM-AJAY) were also present in the meeting.

2. As per the guidelines of the scheme of PM-AJAY, it is required for the States/Union Territories to upload their Perspective Plans (PPs) for the year 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 on PM-AJAY Portal exclusively devised for the purpose. The Perspective Plans of Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh for 2024-25, 2025-26, Additional Perspective Plan of Punjab for 2024-25 were considered in the meeting.

3. Initiating the discussion, Additional Secretary (CKD) welcomed all the participants and Joint Secretary, PM-AJAY briefed the scheme and thereafter, with the permission of the chair, the State Governments were requested to present/ brief their projects before the PACC.

(A) Uttar Pradesh:

(i) The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted the Perspective Plan (PP) for the years 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 under GIA component of PM-AJAY scheme. Total 110 projects have been uploaded on the portal with a total estimated cost of the project being **Rs.95,760.22 lakh** for estimated **2,36,030 SC Beneficiaries**. The State Government has submitted proposals in two interventions only viz. Income Generation and Skill Development as well as Administrative Expenses under the Scheme. The details of break-up of projects are as under:

(Rs. in Lakh)

S. N.	Intervention	Total No. of Projects	2024-25		2025-26		2026-27		Total project cost
			Amount	No. of beneficiaries	Amount	No. of beneficiaries	Amount	No. of beneficiaries	
1	Income Generation Activity	56	2287.00	46040	20225.00	40750	15537.50	31375	58632.50

2	Skill Development	54	1307 2.91	45740	11606 .15	40750	8765. 57	31375	3344 4.63
3	Infrastructure Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Special Tutoring	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Funds for Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation of scheme (4% of the proposed project cost)	-	1437. 71	-	1273. 24	-	972.1 2	-	3683. 08
	Total	110	3738 0.63	91780	33104 .39	81500	25275 .19	62750	9576 0.22

(ii) The projects submitted by the State Govt. were discussed by the PACC and **the PACC approved the projects of the year 2024-25 and 2025-26 only. The Projects of 2026-27 were not approved** as the PM-AJAY Scheme is approved up to 2025-26 only.

Secretary (SJ&E) enquired about the operation of the projects to which the State replied that the projects would be implemented at the district level. It was also informed by the State that the work under GIA would be completed in six months after receipt of funds.

The following was also decided as a condition for release of funds:

(a) The State shall develop a mechanism for timely monitoring of the progress of the Schemes from the Districts.

(b) The State shall when submitting the utilisation certificate with regard to Skilling Component certify that the at least 70% of the trainees have either been self employed and are wage earners or have got an employment.

(B) Punjab:

(i) The State Government of Punjab has submitted the additional Perspective Plan (PP) for the year 2024-25 under GIA component of PM-AJAY scheme. Total 02 projects have been uploaded on the portal with a total estimated cost of the project being **Rs.1044.63 lakh** for estimated **2000 SC Beneficiaries**. The State Government has submitted proposals in only one intervention i.e. Skill Development as well as Administrative Expenses under the Scheme. The details of break-up of projects are as under:

(Rs. in Lakh)

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S. N.	Intervention	Total No. of Projects	2024-25		2025-26		2026-27		project cost
			Amount	No. of beneficiaries	Amount	No. of beneficiaries	Amount	No. of beneficiaries	
1	Income Generation Activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Skill Development	2	1004.46	2000	0	0	0	0	1004.46
3	Infrastructure Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Special Tutoring	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Funds for Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation of scheme (4% of the proposed project cost)	-	40.17	-	0	-	0	-	40.17
	Total	2	1044.63	2000	0	0	0	0	1044.63

(ii) The projects submitted by the State Government were discussed by the PACC and the PACC approved the additional projects of Perspective Plan for 2024-25.

The following was also decided as a condition for release of funds:

(a) The State shall when submitting the utilisation certificate with regard to Skilling Component certify that the at least 70% of the trainees have either been self employed and are wage earners or have got an employment.

(C) Chhattisgarh: The Perspective Plan of State Government was deferred.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.
