

Government of India
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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: November, 2024

To,

The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries in charge of Social Welfare/ Scheduled Castes Welfare Department in the State/ UT of Bihar and Chandigarh.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Project Appraisal cum Convergence Committee (PACC) for 2024-25 held on 19.11.2024 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 1st meeting of the Project Appraisal cum Convergence Committee (PACC) in FY 2024-25 held on 19.11.2024 at 11.00 AM 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 information and necessary action.

Signed by Rakesh Kumar

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Encl: As above.

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MINUTES OF 1st MEETING OF THE PROJECT APPRAISAL CUM CONVERGENCE COMMITTEE (PACC) FOR THE YEAR 2024-25 HELD ON 19.11.2024 FOR THE 'GRANTS-IN-AID' COMPONENT OF THE SCHEME OF PRADHAN MANTRI ANUSUCHIT JAATI ABHYUDAY YOJANA (PM-AJAY)

The 1st 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 on 19.11.2024 at 11:00 AM 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. The List of representatives from States/ Union Territories and PACC members who attended the meeting is attached.

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 Plan of Bihar for 2024-25, 2025-26 and revised Perspective Plan of Chandigarh for 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 were considered in the meeting.

3. Initiating the discussion, After the introduction of the State/UT's Officials, 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 Government/ UTs were requested to present/ brief their projects before the PACC.

(A) Bihar:

(i) The State Government of Bihar has submitted the Perspective Plan (PP) for the years 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 under GIA component of PM-AJAY scheme. Total 10 projects have been uploaded on the portal with a total estimated cost of the project being **Rs.19888.41 lakh** for estimated **3,41,694 SC Beneficiaries**. The State Government has submitted proposals in three interventions viz. Income Generation, Skill Development and Infrastructure 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	1	10000.00	100000	0	-	0	-	10000.00
2	Skill Development	5	1013.12	5381	368.05	3009	395.19	3304	
3	Infrastructure Development	4	6310.73	-	518.18	-	518.18	-	7347.09
4	Special Tutoring	0	0	-	0	-	0	-	0
5	Funds for Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation of scheme (4% of the proposed project cost)	-	692.95	-	35.44	-	36.53	-	764.93
	Total	10	18016.81	105381	921.68	3009	949.91	3304	19888.41

(ii) The projects submitted by the State Govt. were discussed by the PACC and **the PACC accorded its in-principle approval for the projects of the year 2024-25 and 2025-26 only subject to submission of month-wise action plan for 2024-25 by the State Govt. and submission of reasons for non-utilization and returning of funds released earlier in 2022-23. The Projects of 2026-27 were not approved** as the PM-AJAY Scheme is approved upto 2025-26 only. Further, PACC mentioned that for 2024-25, funds may be released up to the notional allocation of the State. The State Govt. representatives stated that the action plan for 2024-25 and reasons for non-utilization and returning of funds released earlier in 2022-23 will be submitted in one week.

(B) Chandigarh:

(i) The UT Government of Chandigarh has submitted the revised Perspective Plan (PP) for the years 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 under GIA component of PM-AJAY scheme. Total 59 projects have been uploaded

on the portal with a total estimated cost of the project being **Rs.412.46 lakh** for estimated **6,013 SC Beneficiaries**. The UT Government has submitted proposals in three interventions viz. Income Generation, Skill Development and Infrastructure Development activity 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	2023-24		2024-25		2025-26		Total project cost
			Amount	No. of beneficiaries	Amount	No. of beneficiaries	Amount	No. of beneficiaries	
1	Income Generation Activity	35	7.80	76	19.62	117	19.75	118	47.17
2	Skill Development	20	18.40	160	142.20	1200	142.20	1200	302.80
3	Infrastructure Development	4	0	-	26.62	-	20.00	-	46.62
4	Special Tutoring	0	0	-	0	-	0	-	0
5	Funds for Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation of scheme (4% of the proposed project cost)	-	1.04	-	7.53	-	7.27	-	15.86
	Total	59	27.24	236	195.99	1317	189.22	1318	412.46

(ii) The projects submitted by the UT of Chandigarh were discussed by the PACC and **the PACC approved the projects of Perspective Plan for 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 submitted by the UT Government and flexibility in trades was also permitted.**

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