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

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 29th September, 2023

To,

The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries in charge of Social Welfare/ Scheduled Castes Welfare Department in the State of Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Sikkim and Uttarakhand.


Subject: Minutes of the 1st Project Appraisal cum Convergence Committee (PACC) meeting held on 25.09.2023 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 2023-24 held on 25.09.2023 at 3.00 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 information and necessary action please.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.


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MINUTES OF 1ST MEETING OF THE PROJECT APPRAISAL CUM CONVERGENCE COMMITTEE (PACC) FOR THE YEAR 2023-24 HELD ON 25.09.2023 FOR THE 'GRANTS-IN-AID' COMPONENT OF THE PRADHAN MANTRI ANUSUCHIT JAATI ABHYUDAY YOJANA (PM-AJAY) SCHEME.

The 1st meeting of the Project Appraisal cum Convergence Committee (PACC) for the year 2023-24, 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', was held on 25.09.2023 at 3:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment. Joint Secretary (PM-AJAY) and Director (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 at Annexure.

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 PPs containing project s proposals of the Union Territory of **Puducherry** and States of **Uttarakhand, Sikkim, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur and Tamil Nadu** were considered in the meeting.

3. Initiating the discussion, Secretary (SJ&E) welcomed all the participants and Under Secretary, PM-AJAY (SP) briefed the scheme and thereafter, with the permission of the chair, the State Government/ UTs were requested to present/ brief their perspective plans/projects before the PACC.

(A) Uttarakhand:

(i) The representative of the State Government of Uttarakhand submitted the Perspective Plans for the 3 financial years i.e. 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 for a total project cost of Rs. 23.12 Cr. which includes interventions for Income Generation and Skill Development. The details of break-up of projects are as under:

(Amount in Rs.)

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	145	5,25,00,000	1052	5,76,25,000	1155	6,56,00,000	1315	17,57,25,000
2	Skill Development	52	2,10,60,000	2320	1,22,76,000	1109	1,33,38,000	1220	4,66,74,000
3	Infrastructure Development	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	-
4	Funds for Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation of scheme (4% of the proposed project cost)	-	29,42,400	-	27,96,040	-	31,57,520		88,95,960
5	Total	197	7,65,02,400	3372	7,26,97,040	2264	8,20,95,520	2535	23,12,94,960

(ii) The Chairperson, PACC told the State to remove the duplicacy in the projects, wherever possible and the infrastructure projects may be aligned with other departments of the State.

(iii) The projects submitted by the State were discussed by the PACC and the PACC approved the all the projects of Perspective Plans for FY 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 submitted by the State Government of Uttarakhand, subject to submission of pending Utilisation Certificates, complying with M/o Finance's SNA guidelines and provisions of GFR, 2017.

(B) Sikkim:

(i) The representative of the State Government of Sikkim submitted their Perspective Plan for the three Financial years i.e. 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 for a total project cost of Rs. 2.70 Cr. which includes intervention of Skill Development. The details of break-up of projects are as under:

(Amount in Rs.)

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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Skill Development	10	86,85,000	290	86,85,000	290	86,85,000	290	2,60,55,000
3	Infrastructure Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Funds for Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation of scheme (4% of the proposed project cost)	-	3,47,400	-	3,47,400	-	3,47,400		10,42,200
5	Total	10	90,32,400	290	90,32,400	290	90,32,400	290	2,70,97,200

(ii) The Chairperson, PACC again reiterated to avoid duplication of the projects is ensured.

(iii) The projects submitted by the State were discussed by the PACC and the PACC approved all the projects of Perspective Plans for the FY 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 submitted by the State Government of Sikkim, subject to submission of pending Utilisation Certificates, complying with M/o Finance's SNA guidelines and provisions of GFR, 2017.

(C) Gujarat:

(i) The representative of the State Government of Gujarat submitted the Perspective Plan for the 3 financial years i.e. 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 for a total project cost of Rs. 46.80 Cr. which includes interventions for Income Generation and Skill Development. The details of break-up of projects are as under:

(Amount in Rs.)

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	1	10,00,00,000	2000	10,00,00,000	2000	10,00,00,000	2000	30,00,00,000
2	Skill Development	2	5,00,00,000	1900	5,00,00,000	1900	5,00,00,000	1900	15,00,00,000
3	Infrastructure Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Funds for Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation of scheme (4% of	-	60,00,000	-	60,00,000	-	60,00,000		1,80,00,000

	the proposed project cost)								
5	Total	3	15,60,00,000	3900	15,60,00,000	3900	15,60,00,000	3900	46,80,00,000

(ii) The projects submitted by the State were discussed by the PACC and the PACC approved all the projects of Perspective Plan for 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 submitted by the Gujarat Government, subject to submission of pending Utilisation Certificates, complying with M/o Finance's SNA guidelines and provisions of GFR, 2017

(D) Himachal Pradesh:

(i) The representative of the State Government of Himachal Pradesh submitted the Perspective Plan for the 3 financial years i.e. 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 for a total project cost of Rs. 32.54 Cr. which includes interventions for Income Generation, Skill Development and Infrastructure Development. The details of break-up of projects are as under:

(Amount in Rs.)

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	2	6,00,00,000	1200	6,00,00,000	1200	6,00,00,000	1200	18,00,00,000
2	Skill Development	2	1,58,12,000	400	1,58,12,000	400	1,58,12,000	400	4,74,36,000
3	Infrastructure Development	3	2,80,50,000	-	3,10,50,000	-	2,64,20,000	-	8,55,20,000
4	Funds for	-	41,54,480	-	42,74,480	-	40,89,280	-	1,25,18,240

	Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation of scheme (4% of the proposed project cost)								
5	Total	7	10,80,16,480	1600	11,11,36,480	1600	10,63,21,280	1600	32,54,74,240

(ii) The Chairperson inquired about the infrastructure proposals from the State representative. The representative of the State clarified that these are for installation of solar panel for solar power.

(iii) The projects submitted by the State were discussed by the PACC and the PACC approved all the projects of Perspective Plan for 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 submitted by the State Government of Himachal Pradesh, subject to submission of pending Utilisation Certificates, complying with M/o Finance's SNA guidelines and provisions of GFR, 2017

(E) Manipur:

(i) The representative of the State Government of Manipur submitted the Perspective Plan for the 3 financial years i.e. 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 for a total project cost of Rs. 21.95 Cr. which includes interventions for Income Generation, Skill Development and Infrastructure Development. The details of break-up of projects are as under:

(Amount in Rs.)

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	10	42,50,000	340	63,00,000	540	47,00,000	350	1,52,50,000

	Activity								
2	Skill Development	18	2,85,75,030	790	4,97,51,640	1080	5,25,04,960	1010	13,08,31,630
3	Infrastructure Development	1	1,50,00,000	-	2,50,00,000	-	2,50,00,000	-	6,50,00,000
4	Funds for Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation of scheme (4% of the proposed project cost)		19,13,001	-	32,42,065.6	-	32,88,198		84,43,265.2
5	Total	29	4,97,38,031	1130	8,42,93,705	1620	8,54,93,158	1360	21,95,24,895.2

(ii) The projects submitted by the State were discussed by the PACC and the PACC approved all the projects of Perspective Plan for 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 submitted by the State Government of Manipur, subject to submission of pending Utilisation Certificates, complying with M/o Finance's SNA guidelines and provisions of GFR, 2017

(F) Puducherry:

(i) The representative of the Union Territory of Puducherry submitted Perspective Plan for the 3 financial years i.e. 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 for a total project cost of Rs. 74.88 lakhs. which includes interventions of Income Generation and Skill Development. The details of break-up of projects are as under:

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	2	12,00,000	120	12,00,000	120	12,00,000	120	36,00,000

(Amount in Rs.)

	Activity								
2	Skill Development	3	12,00,000	90	12,00,000	90	12,00,000	90	36,00,000
3	Infrastructure Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Funds for Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation of scheme (4% of the proposed project cost)		96,000	-	96,000	-	96,000	-	2,88,000
5	Total	5	24,96,000	210	24,96,000	210	24,96,000	210	74,88,000

(ii) The projects submitted by the UT were discussed by the PACC and the PACC approved all the projects of Perspective Plan for 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 submitted by the UT Government of Puducherry, subject to submission of pending Utilisation Certificates, complying with M/o Finance's SNA guidelines and provisions of GFR, 2017

(G) Tamil Nadu:

(i) The representative of the State Government of Tamil Nadu submitted Perspective Plan for the 3 financial years i.e. 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 for a total project cost of Rs. 254.31 Cr. which includes interventions for Income Generation, Skill Development and Infrastructure Development. The details of break-up of projects are as under:

(Amount in Rs.)

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	996	69,58,00,000	13916	38,12,00,000	7624	37,82,00,000	7564	1,45,52,00,000

	Activity								
2	Skill Development	96	11,10,00,000	2220	6,56,00,000	1312	6,34,00,000	1268	24,00,00,000
3	Infrastructure Development	186	37,05,00,000	-	18,91,00,000	-	19,05,00,000	-	75,01,00,000
4	Funds for Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation of scheme (4% of the proposed project cost)	-	4,70,92,000	-	2,54,36,000	-	2,52,84,000		9,78,12,000
5	Total	1,278	1,22,43,92,000	16136	66,13,36,000	8936	65,73,84,000	8832	2,54,31,12,000

(ii) The Chairperson inquired how the projects are implemented/executed. State representative informed the Committee that the same is being done by the Junior Engineers. The Chairperson suggested that the proportion of CC roads may be aligned and ensure the quality of CC roads. Member (PACC) from Department of Rural Development added that the State may ensure that new roads are made.

(iii) The projects submitted by the State were discussed by the PACC and PACC approved all the projects of Perspective Plan for 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 submitted by the State Government of Tamil Nadu, subject to submission of pending Utilisation Certificates, complying with M/o Finance's SNA guidelines and provisions of GFR, 2017

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