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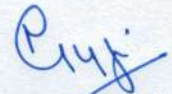
The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries in charge of  
Social Welfare/ Scheduled Castes Welfare Department  
in the State of Bihar and Tamil Nadu.

**Subject: Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Project  
Appraisal cum Convergence Committee (PACC) for  
2025-26 held on 28.01.2026 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 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Project  
Appraisal cum Convergence Committee (PACC) for FY 2025-  
26 held on 28.01.2026 at 10:30 AM under the Chairmanship  
of Secretary, Department of Social Justice and  
Empowerment for the 'Grants-in-aid' component of the  
scheme - Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana  
(PM-AJAY) for information and necessary action.

Encl: as above



(Manaswani Tyagi)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

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**MINUTES OF SECOND MEETING OF THE PROJECT APPRAISAL CUM CONVERGENCE COMMITTEE (PACC) FOR THE YEAR 2025-26 HELD ON 28.01.2026 UNDER THE 'GRANTS-IN-AID' COMPONENT OF THE SCHEME OF PRADHAN MANTRI ANUSUCHIT JAATI ABHYUDAY YOJANA (PM-AJAY)**

The second meeting of the Project Appraisal cum Convergence Committee (PACC) for the year 2025–26, constituted under the Scheme of *Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana* (PM-AJAY), was held on 28.01.2026 at 10:30 AM in hybrid mode, under the chairmanship of the Secretary (Social Justice & Empowerment). The meeting was convened to appraise projects under the Grants-in-Aid (GIA) component for District/State-level initiatives aimed at the socio-economic development of Scheduled Castes (erstwhile Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan – SCA to SCSP).

Joint Secretary (PM-AJAY), AS&FA (DoSJE), Deputy Secretary, Under Secretary, and other officials of the PM-AJAY Section attended the meeting physically. Other members of the PACC and representatives of the State Governments participated virtually. The

list of participants is enclosed at Annexure.

## 2. Background

As per the PM-AJAY guidelines, States/Union Territories are required to upload their Perspective Plans (PPs) on the dedicated PM-AJAY Portal. The additional Perspective Plan of the State of Bihar and Tamil Nadu for 2025-26 were placed before the Committee for consideration.

## 3. Proceedings

Following the introduction of participants, the Secretary (SJ&E) welcomed all members and representatives. With the permission of the Chair, the respective State Governments were invited to present their proposals before the Committee.

### State-wise Discussions and Decisions:

#### (A) Bihar:

The Government of Bihar presented the additional Perspective Plan (2025-26) under the GIA component, comprising 15 infrastructure projects with a total estimated cost of Rs. 577.1906 lakh (including administrative expenses), and covering approximately 5,777 SC beneficiaries. The proposals fall under the Infrastructure Development intervention and primarily relate to the repair and renovation of 15 school hostels in 6 districts.

2. Details of Additional Perspective Plan submitted by the State Government of Bihar for 2025-26 are given in the table below:

(Rs. in lakh)

S.N.	Intervention	2025-26		Total project cost
		Total no. of Intervention	No. of beneficiaries	
1	Income Generation Activity	0	0	0.00
2	Skill Development	0	0	0.00

3	Infrastructure Development	15	5,777	554.9910
4	Special Tutoring	-	-	0
5	Funds for Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation of scheme (4% of the proposed project cost)	-	-	22.1996
6	<b>Total</b>	15	5,777	577.1906

The State further informed that the funds amounting to Rs. 3.87 Crore released through the Mother Sanction during the current financial year have already been allocated to the implementing agency (JEEVIKA) and are expected to be utilised within this financial year.

The Committee observed that the proposals did not clearly indicate under which scheme the hostels were originally constructed. Additionally, the details provided regarding the nature and scope of the proposed repair and renovation works were not specific. Accordingly, the State was advised to furnish comprehensive details of the proposed plan of action. The State representatives were directed to prepare a detailed presentation for reconsideration in the next PACC meeting. The presentation should include, inter alia:

- Name of the scheme under which hostels were constructed
- Year of construction of each hostel
- Present condition of the hostels, including hostel occupancy details
- Details of renovation works proposed for each hostel
- Fund requirement for each hostel.
- A clear statement that the fund would be used for non-recurring expenditure.
- Supporting documents, including photographs, justifying the

need for renovation

- Action plan for carrying out this work in current financial year.

In view of the above, the proposal may be considered in the next PACC meeting, subject to compliance with the above directions.

### (B) Tamil Nadu :

The State Government presented its Additional Perspective Plan for the year 2025-26, comprising 118 projects in all interventions with a total outlay of Rs. 7,115.4668 lakh (including administrative expenses), covering 2,20,435 Scheduled Caste beneficiaries. The proposals were submitted under all three interventions i.e. Income Generation, Skill Development, and Infrastructure Development. The State Government made a presentation to explain the projects and expenditure on previously approved projects in detail, also shared photographs of project implementation to show on-ground progress. It was highlighted that a major portion of the expenditure has been used for income generation activities. Further, the State informed that the Utilization Certificate (UC) for the mother sanction issued amounting to Rs. 49.94 crore will be submitted within 15 days.

2. Details of the additional Perspective Plan considered for 2025-26 by PACC are given in the table below:

(Rs. in lakh)

S.N.	Intervention	2025-26		Total project cost
		Total no. of Intervention	No. of beneficiaries	
1	Income Generation Activity	49	8000	4000
2	Skill Development	16	1694	721.50
3	Infrastructure Development	53	-	2,120.2950
4	Special Tutoring	0	0	0
5	Funds for Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation of scheme (4% of the proposed project cost)	-	-	273.6718

6	Total	118	2,20,435	7115.4668
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The PACC mentioned that the projects may be completed within this FY 2025-26. The success stories due to availing of benefits under PM-AJAY need to be shared. The Committee discussed the proposal in detail and accorded its' in-principle approval for all the proposed additional projects for 2025-26.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair for his guidance and concluding remarks.

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