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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

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To,

The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries in charge of Social Welfare/ Scheduled Castes Welfare Department in the State/ UT of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chandigarh, Maharashtra, Odisha and Punjab.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Project Appraisal cum Convergence Committee (PACC) held on 16.02.2024 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 3rd meeting of the Project Appraisal cum Convergence Committee (PACC) in FY 2023-24 held on 16.02.2024 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 please.

Encl: As above.

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ANNEXURE

MINUTES OF 3rd MEETING OF THE PROJECT APPRAISAL CUM CONVERGENCE COMMITTEE (PACC) FOR THE YEAR 2023-24 HELD ON 16.02.2024 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 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' {erstwhile scheme of Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCA to SCSP)}, was held on 16.02.2024 at 11:00 AM 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.

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 proposals of the Union Territory of **Chandigarh**, Government of **Assam**, **Maharashtra**, **Odisha**, **Punjab**, and **Andhra Pradesh** were considered in the meeting.

3. Initiating the discussion, After the introduction of the State/UT's Officials, Secretary (SJ&E) 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) Chandigarh:

(i) The UT Government of Chandigarh has submitted the Perspective Plan (PP) for the years 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 under GIA component of PM-AJAY scheme. Total 20 projects have been uploaded on the portal with a total estimated cost of the project being **Rs.385.62 lakh** for estimated **2860 SC Beneficiaries**. The State Government has submitted proposals in only two interventions 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	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	4	13	26	22.5	45	24.5	49	60
2	Skill Development	16	65.2	560	122.8	1090	122.8	1090	310.8
3	Infrastructure Development	0	0	-	0	-	0	-	0
4	Funds for Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation of scheme (4% of the proposed project cost)	-	3.12	-	5.81	-	5.89	-	14.82
5	Total	20	81.32	586	151.11	1135	153.19	1139	385.62

(ii) The projects submitted by the UT were discussed by the PACC and **the PACC approved the projects of Perspective Plan for 2023-24. However, the representatives of the UT requested to allow them to submit revised perspective plan for 2024-25 and 2025-26 later and the PACC accorded the approval for the same.**

(B) Assam:

(i) The State Government of Assam has submitted the Perspective Plan (PP) for the years 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 under GIA component of PM-AJAY scheme. Total 05 projects have been uploaded on the portal with a total estimated cost of the project being **Rs.14781.51 lakh** for estimated **42,600 SC Beneficiaries**. The State Government has submitted proposals in all the 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)

	Intervention	Total No.	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Total project
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S.N.	n	of Pr ject s							cost
			Amo unt	No. of benefic iaries	Amo unt	No. of benefic iaries	Amo unt	No. of benefic iaries	
1	Income Gen eration Acti vity	1	1000	2000	2500	5000	2500	5000	6000
2	Skill Develo pment	2	533.2 5	900	1045. 91	2100	553.8 4	600	2133
3	Infrastruct ure Develop ment	2	2088	-	3040	-	952	-	6080
4	Funds for A dministrati on, Monitor ing and Eva luation of s cheme (4% of the proposed pr ject cost)	-	144.8 5	-	263.4 3	-	160.2 3	-	568. 51
5	Total	5	3766. 1	2900	6849. 34	7100	4166. 07	5600	1478 1.51

(ii) The projects submitted by the State 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 Assam Government.**

(C) Maharashtra:

(i) The State Government of Maharashtra has submitted the Perspective Plan (PP) for the years 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 under GIA component of PM-AJAY scheme. Total 13 projects have been uploaded on the portal with a total estimated cost of the project being **Rs.30559.58 lakh** for estimated **68,100 SC Beneficiaries**. The State Government has submitted proposals in all the 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.	Interventio n	Total No. o f Proj ects	2023-24		2024-25		2025-26		Total proje ct cos t
			Amo unt	No. of benefic iaries	Amo unt	No. of benefic iaries	Amo unt	No. of benefic iaries	
1	Income Ge neration A	4	1725	3600	4600	9500	2225	4500	8550

	Activity								
2	Skill Development	6	1720.47	6700	5618.29	21000	4645.47	13300	11984.23
3	Infrastructure Development	3	418.5-		7402.5-		1029-		8850
4	Funds for Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation of scheme (4% of the proposed project cost)	-	154.55-		704.83-		315.97-		1175.35
5	Total	13	4018.52	10300	18325.62	30500	8215.44	17800	30559.58

(ii) The projects submitted by the State were discussed by the PACC and **the PACC approved the projects of Perspective Plan for 2023-24 submitted by the Maharashtra Government.**

(D) Odisha:

(i) The State Government of Odisha has submitted the Perspective Plan (PP) for the years 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 under GIA component of PM-AJAY scheme. Total 1098 projects have been uploaded on the portal with a total estimated cost of the project being **Rs.8692.13 lakh** for estimated **333950 SC Beneficiaries**. The State Government has submitted proposals in all the 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	394	888.24	2149	560.24	1292	636.49	1382	2084.97
2	Skill Development	174	1128.19	3740	1239.97	5000	1408.68	5311	3776.84
3	Infrastructure Development	530	1252.64		638.7-		604.68		2496.02

4	Funds for Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation of scheme (4% of the proposed project cost)	-	130.76	-	97.55	-	105.99	-	334.3
5	Total	1098	3399.83	5889	2536.46	6292	2755.84	6693	8692.13

(ii) The projects submitted by the State 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 Odisha Government.**

(E) Punjab:

(i) The State Government of Punjab has submitted the Perspective Plan (PP) for the years 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 under GIA component of PM-AJAY scheme. Total 311 projects have been uploaded on the portal with a total estimated cost of the project being **Rs.33642.60 lakh** for estimated **659968 SC Beneficiaries**. The State Government has submitted proposals in all the 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	115	2909.52	5923	3885.31	7942	3810.1	7797	10604.93
2	Skill Development	147	4617.58	15489	5187.89	18774	4996.76	17445	14802.23
3	Infrastructure Development	49	2223.05	-	2632.18	-	2086.28	-	6941.51
4	Funds for Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation	-	390	-	468.2	-	435.7	-	1293.9

	tion of scheme (4% of the proposed project cost)				1		2		3
5	Total	311	1014 0.15	21412	1217 3.59	26716	1132 8.86	25242	33642. 6

(ii) The projects submitted by the State 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 Punjab Government.** However, State was asked to remove the projects which are related to Solar Cookers and Mobile Water Tankers under the Infrastructure Development.

(F) Andhra Pradesh:

(i) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted the Perspective Plan (PP) for the years 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 under GIA component of PM-AJAY scheme. Total 139 projects have been uploaded on the portal with a total estimated cost of the project being **Rs.15108.24 lakh** for estimated **185886 SC Beneficiaries**. The State Government has submitted proposals in all the 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:

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	12	3499	6998	2588	5176	2371.5	4743	8458.5
2	Skill Development	13	500.5	2860	502	2640	500.5	2860	1503
3	Infrastructure Development	114	1608.18	-	1533.47	-	1424.02	-	4565.67
4	Funds for Administration, Monitoring and Evaluation of scheme (4% of the proposed project cost)	-	224.3	-	184.93	-	171.84	-	581.07
			5831.		4808.		4467.		15108.2

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5	Total	139	98	9858	4	7816	86	7603	4
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(ii) The projects submitted by the State 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 Andhra Pradesh Government.**

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