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Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Department of Social Justice and Empowerment
(PM-AJAY Section)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 07.10.2025

To

The Pay & Accounts Officer,
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment,
New Delhi.

Subject: - Mother sanction for release of Rs. 68,53,81,000/- to the State Govt. of Punjab under the Adarsh Gram Component of the scheme of PM-AJAY during the year 2025-26 – reg-

Sir,

I am directed to convey the mother sanction, of the President of India, to release of **Rs. 68,53,81,000/- (Rupees Sixty Eight Crore Fifty Three Lakh Eighty One Thousand Only)** to the **Government of Punjab** as Central Assistance under the Adarsh Gram component of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PMAJAY) for the villages selected since 2018-19 (including the villages selected in 2022-23 as per 40% SC criteria) for implementation of scheme for the year 2025-26, under PB255- Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana through SNA SPARSH.

2. The amount is debitable to the Major Head "3601"; Grants-in-aid to State Governments (Major Head); 06-Centrally Sponsored Schemes (Sub Major Head); 789 – Special Component Plan For Scheduled Castes (Minor Head); 34.12- Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana(PM AJAY); 34.12.31- Grants-in-aid-General; Demand No.93 of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for 2025-26 (Plan), a component of Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) under the scheme of Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PMAJAY).

3. The State Government will maintain separate accounts in respect of the Central Assistance received for the Scheme. The amount will remain open for inspection by the representatives or the officers from the office of Comptroller and Auditor General of India/ Government of India at any time. The State Government will have the accounts of the Central Assistance audited either by the Government Auditor and shall furnish the Utilization Certificate on the prescribed format i.e. GFR 12 C of General Financial Rules, 2017 in original duly signed by authorized signatory not below the level of Director of State Government and duly countersigned by the Secretary/Principal Secretary of the concerned Department to this Ministry.

4. The Mother sanction of the above Central Assistance amounting to **Rs. 68,53,81,000/- only** under the scheme is for undertaking the 'gap-filling' activities as well as incurring administrative expenses during the course of implementation of scheme as per the scheme guidelines.

5. The Central Assistance shall be utilized within a period of two years from the date of this sanction order and on the activities contained in the guidelines of the scheme.



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6. The State Government would update the relative progress in respect of implementation of the scheme and utilization of the Central Assistance through the online MIS portal developed for the purpose.

7. The accounts will be open to inspection by the sanctioning authority and audit, both by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India under the provision of CAG (DPC) Act, 1971 and internal audit by the Principal Accounts office of the Ministry or Department, whenever the Institution or Central Government is called upon to do so.

8. The Interest Earned amount, if any, available with State/UTs must be deposited in the Consolidated Fund of India as per the instructions contained in DoE's OM No. 1(12)/PFMS/FCD/2021 dated 30.06.2021.

9. This admissible Central assistance will be released to the Government of Punjab on demand through SNA SPARSH only as per the latest guidelines of Department of Expenditure.

10. Any unspent balance lying in State Treasury/SNA Accounts prior to on-boarding of the State Government on SNA SPARSH will be subject to guidelines issued by Department of Expenditure (DoE) from time to time in this regard.

11. As per the instructions contained in Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure's Circular No. 7(1) E. Coord/2008 dated 5.6.2008: no amount shall be released to any state which has defaulted in furnishing Utilization Certificates for grant-in aid release by the Central Government in the past. It is certified that no UC is pending under the scheme against the above state Government.

12. Arrangements may please be made to credit this amount to State Government in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Ministry of Finance O.M. No. 2(45)/76 Special Cell, dated 30.8.1976, as modified vide O.M. of even number dated 16.09.1976 under intimation to us.

13. This Mother Sanction issues with the concurrence of the Integrated Finance Division of this Ministry vide their JS&FA E-office Dy. No. 25797 dated 19.09.2025.

Yours faithfully,


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