

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3823
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 05/04/2023

STATUS OF PMAAGY

3823 DR. SANTANU SEN:
SHRI ABIR RANJAN BISWAS:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated and utilized under Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAAGY) during last five years, State-wise and the district-wise details for the State of West Bengal;

(b) the reasons behind change in nomenclature of 'Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS)' to 'Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAAGY)' for implementation during 2021-22 to 2025-26;

(c) whether Government has conducted any impact evaluation study of PMAAGY in last two years, if so, the details thereof, year- wise, State-wise and district-wise for the State of West Bengal; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

(a) to (d): The scheme of 'Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub- Plan (SCA to TSP)', was being implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs since 1977-78. After amalgamation of Plan and Non-Plan, the scheme was known as 'Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS)' since 2017. Under SCA to TSS, funds were provided to the State Governments for various projects in sectors like education, health, agriculture, skill development, employment-cum-income generation, etc.

In order to improve basic services and facilities in villages with significant tribal population, it has been decided to revamp SCA to TSS into 'Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAAGY)' for integrated development of villages in an outcome-oriented and time- bound manner during the years 2021-22 to 2025-26. The scheme of 'PMAAGY' aims to provide basic infrastructure facilities in villages with significant tribal population in convergence with funds available under the scheme and funds under Development Action Plan for ST.

Under the Scheme, 36,428 villages having at least 50% tribal population and 500 STs across States / UTs with notified STs have been identified for undertaking development programmes / activities through convergence approach to bridge gaps prominently in 8 sectors of development viz. Road connectivity (Internal and Inter village /block), Telecom connectivity (Mobile /internet), School, Anganwadi Centres, Health Sub-Centre, Drinking water facility, Drainage and solid waste management.

During 2021-22 and 2022-23, a total of about 16554 villages have been taken up. So far, an amount of Rs. 2133.39 Crore has already been released to the States under the scheme. As far as West Bengal is concerned, a total of 183 villages have been identified under PMAAGY. District-wise details of the villages identified under the scheme of PMAAGY in West Bengal is at **Annexure**. The details of funds released during 2021-22 and 2022-23 to West Bengal under PMAAGY is as under:

(Rs. In Lakh)

States	2021-22		2022-23	
	Villages Covered	Total Release	Villages Covered	Total Release
West Bengal	184	0.00*	159	3495.20

*During 2021-22, funds could not be released to the West Bengal due to pending Utilization Certificate (UC) of previous years' releases.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs has been implementing the scheme following the approval of the Union Cabinet in January 2022. No impact evaluation study has been done for the scheme being at nascent stage.

Annexure

Annexure referred in reply to part (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3823 for 05.04.2023 regarding “Status of PMAAGY”

District-wise details of the villages identified under the scheme of PMAAGY in West Bengal

S.No.	Name of Districts	Total No. of villages covered under PMAAGY
1.	Bankura	90
2.	Barddhaman	25
3.	Birbhum	51
4.	Dakshin Dinajpur	46
5.	Darjiling	53
6.	Hugli	6
7.	Jalpaiguri	151
8.	Koch Bihar	1
9.	Maldah	64
10.	Murshidabad	10
11.	Nadia	7
12.	North Twenty Four Parganas	8
13.	Paschim Medinipur	121
14.	Puruliya	223
15.	South Twenty Four Parganas	2
16.	Uttar Dinajpur	16
	Total	874
