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RAJYA SABHA
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PROGRESS MADE UNDER PM-AJAY

617. SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

(a) the details of progress made under the Pradhan Mantri Annsuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojna (PM-AJAY) and the outcomes of this scheme; and

(b) the number of districts in Assam covered under this scheme and the total number of beneficiaries of this scheme from Assam?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) is a unified scheme, framed after merging the three existing schemes of this Department namely Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCA to SCSP), Babu Jagjivan Ram Chatrawas Yojana (BJRCY) and Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) with an aim:

- to reduce poverty of the SC communities by generation of additional employment opportunities through skill development, income generating schemes and other initiatives
- to improve socio-economic developmental indicators by ensuring adequate infrastructure and requisite services in the SC dominated villages.
- to increase literacy and encourage enrolment of SCs in schools and higher educational institutions by providing adequate residential facilities in quality institutions, as well as residential schools where required, especially in the aspirational districts/ SC dominated blocks

The details of the progress made under the scheme and the outcomes under the scheme as reported by State/UT Governments during the last 05 years are as under:

- Under Adarsh Gram component, a total of 29881 villages have been covered under Adarsh Gram Component and out of these, 6087 villages have been declared as Adarsh Gram.

- Under Grant-in-aid component, the central assistance of Rs. 3242.07 Cr have been released and a total of 850611 beneficiaries have been benefited from the assistance.
- Under Hostel Component, a total of 85 hostels have been sanctioned and 8659 inmates have been benefited from these hostels.

(b) There are 03 components under the scheme of PM-AJAY namely Adarsh Gram, Grant-in-aid and Hostel. The number of districts covered and beneficiaries benefited(as reported by State/UT Governments) under these components in Assam during the last 05 years are as under:

Adarsh Gram component: This component is implemented in 31 districts in Assam and under this component, a total of 2493 beneficiaries have been attended.

Grant-in-aid: This component is not implemented district-wise, however, a total of 7754 beneficiaries have been benefited in the State.

Hostel Component: This component is implemented in 13 number of districts and a total of 800 inmates have been benefited.
