

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -3008
ANSWERED ON - 26/03/2025

IMPLEMENTATION OF PM-AJAY IN WEST BENGAL

3008. SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA

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

- (a) the total funds received by West Bengal under the Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) during the last three years, along with details of the projects and schemes in the State where these funds are being utilized;
- (b) the funds sanctioned to all the States under PM-AJAY in comparison to the State of West Bengal, during the last three years;
- (c) whether Adarsh Gram component of PM-AJAY is being implemented in the State of West Bengal, and if so, the number of villages declared as Adarsh Gram in the State; and
- (d) the total number of hostels constructed under PM-AJAY of West Bengal?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

- (a) to (b) Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme being implemented since 2021-22. The Scheme has three components namely (i) 'Adarsh Gram', (ii) 'Grants-in-aid for District/State-level Projects for Socio-Economic betterment of Scheduled Caste (SC) Communities' and (iii) 'Hostel'. During the last three years, an amount of Rs. 2,447.03 Crore has been sanctioned to all states and Rs. 228.21 Crore has been sanctioned to West Bengal for undertaking 2,750 projects. These projects are mainly related to minor irrigation, handicrafts, horticulture or floriculture, pisciculture, goat rearing, poultry farming, food processing, poly house cultivation, grocery, housekeeping training, plumber training, sewing machine operator and installation of water purifier.
- (c) Adarsh Gram component of Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) is not implemented in the State of West Bengal.
- (d) 48 hostels (34 Girls and 14 Boys) have been constructed in West Bengal prior to PM-AJAY.
