

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -449**  
ANSWERED ON – 23/07/2025

**PM-AJAY SCHEME IN TAMIL NADU**

449.SHRI M. MOHAMED ABDULLA

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

- (a) the number of additional employment opportunities generated in the State of Tamil Nadu for SC communities under the Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY)scheme through skill development and income-generating initiatives;
- (b) the infrastructure and service improvements made in SC-dominated villages of Tamil Nadu under the scheme to reduce poverty and improve socio-economic indicators; and
- (c) the total amount of funds allocated and spent under the PM-AJAY scheme in the State of Tamil Nadu for the last two years?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme which consist of three components namely Adarsh Gram, Grants-In-Aid and Hostel. Grants-In-Aid aims at providing funds for comprehensive livelihood projects under three interventions namely skill development, income generation and infrastructure development. During the last two years, Rs. 124.12 Crore has been sanctioned under income generating activity benefitting 24,806 beneficiaries and Rs. 18.83 Crore has been sanctioned under skill development activities benefitting 5,846 beneficiaries.

(b) Since 2018-19, under the Adarsh Gram component of Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) scheme, 2,918 villages have been selected in the State of Tamil Nadu, out of which, 2,915 villages have been declared as Adasrh Gram. In these villages, 9,015 development works have been completed under 10 key domains such as Drinking Water and Sanitation, Education, Health and Nutrition, Livelihood and Skill Development, Social Security, Rural Roads and Housing, Electricity and Clean Fuel, Agricultural Practices, Financial Inclusion, Digitization.

(c) During last two years, Central Assistance of Rs. 602.68 Crore (Rs. 280.81 Crore in 2023-24 and Rs. 321.87 Crore in 2024-25) have been allocated and Rs. 518.56 Crore has been utilized by the State Government of Tamil Nadu under the three components of Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) Scheme.

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