

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -2214
ANSWERED ON – 11/03/2026

PRADHAN MANTRI ANUSUCHIT JAATI ABHYUDAY YOJNA (PM-AJAY)

2214 # SHRI BRIJ LAL
SHRI SADANAND MHALU SHET TANAVADE
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government has assessed the progress made under all three components of Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojna (PM-AJAY);
- (b) if so, the State-wise details of fund allocation and utilization under the scheme;
- (c) the number of Scheduled Caste (SC) dominated villages developed as Adarsh Gram;
- (d) whether Government has assessed the reduction in poverty, improvement in school enrolment among the SC communities and livelihood benefits in aspirational districts and SC-majority blocks; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) Yes, the Centrally Sponsored Scheme Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) has been evaluated through the Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO), NITI Aayog. The evaluation covered all three components i.e. Adarsh Gram, Grants-in-aid and Hostel of the scheme across multiple States and assessed its relevance, effectiveness and outcomes. The study found that PM-AJAY has contributed to improvement in basic infrastructure, educational access and socio-economic conditions of Scheduled Caste communities.

(b) Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, was launched in 2021–22. Since then, the allocation and funds released under the PM-AJAY scheme are as follows:

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Budget Estimate	Total fund released
1.	2021-22	1800	1818.25
2.	2022-23	1950	163.137
3.	2023-24	2050	465.64
4.	2024-25	2140	729.45
5.	2025-26 (Upto 6th March, 2026)	2140	332.35
Total		10080	3508.82

Further, the details of State/UT wise fund released are at **Annexure-I**.

(c) Under the Adarsh Gram component of the scheme, a total number of 13,952 villages have been declared as Adarsh Gram.

(d) & (e) The Evaluation study, conducted by NITI Aayog, assessed the scheme's outcomes relating to socio-economic development of Scheduled Caste (SC) communities. The evaluation covered 13 States including several Aspirational districts among others. The findings indicated improvement in access to basic amenities and social services in SC dominated villages, including high coverage of electricity connections, institutional deliveries and bank accounts. The findings also indicated improvement in school enrolment among SC communities and positive livelihood outcomes.

Annexure-I

Annexure in r/o Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2214 to be answered on 11.03.2026 regarding Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY)

Fund released under PM-AJAY scheme since 2021-22

(figures in Rs. crores)

S.No	State/UT	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (till 6.3.2026)
1	Andhra Pradesh	74.93	0	8.79	40.07	19.66
2	Assam	0	0.05	15.90	25.31	13.29
3	Bihar	0	56.535	0	8.72	0
4	Chhatisgarh	39.87	0	0	0	10.32
5	Gujarat	3.19	0	0	0	1.26
6	Haryana	0	0	0	7.19	0.9
7	Himachal Pradesh	30.75	0	0	2.02	1.84
8	Jammu & Kashmir	6.15	0	5.13	8.58	1.64
9	Jharkhand	68.8	0	0	0	0
10	Karnataka	194.04	23.7749	4.5	24.24	56.43
11	Kerala	1.35	1.3507	3.86	2.27	2.14
12	Madhya Pradesh	51.02	0	3.75	18.86	3.01
13	Maharashtra	11.70	28.6107	2.16	27.24	28.54
14	Manipur	0	7	0.032	5.33	0
15	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0.17
16	Mizoram	0	0	0	3.93	0
17	Nagaland	21.82	1.8	21	0	0
18	Odisha	91.84	1.49	48.34	46.85	51.14
19	Punjab	0	41.2603	0	45.87	0.19
20	Rajasthan	80.37	0	7.5	0	4.87
21	Sikkim	5.10	0.1645	3.72	1.91	0.17
22	Tamil Nadu	299.76	0	280.80	321.87	65.83
23	Telangana	25.2	0	13.99	4.92	3.8
24	Tripura	49.87	1.1048	4.73	5.09	4.49
25	Uttar Pradesh	553.50	0	3.07	65.76	9.1
26	Uttarakhand	13.87	0	4.89	4.84	5.42
27	West Bengal	195	0	33.21	58.29	47.96
28	Chandigarh	0	0	0.2	0.24	0.24
29	Delhi	0	0	0	0	0
30	Puducherry	0.03895	0	0	0	0
	Total	1818.25	163.14	465.65	729.49	332.41
