

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 3802  
ANSWERED ON - 25/03/2026

**PM-AJAY SCHEME**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has assessed the progress made under the PM-AJAY across its three components;
- (b) if so, details of the State-wise allocation and utilisation of funds under the scheme;
- (c) the total number of SC-dominated villages developed as Adarsh Gram;
- (d) whether the Ministry has assessed poverty reduction in SC communities, improvement in school enrolment and livelihood gains in aspirational districts and SC-dominated blocks;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the roadmap to expand coverage with enhanced grants-in-aid for comprehensive livelihood projects and infrastructure development?

**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 of the scheme i.e. Adarsh Gram, Grants-in-aid and Hostel, across multiple States and assessed its relevance, effectiveness and outcomes. The study found that PM-AJAY is aligned with the National Development priorities and 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 (Up to 19 March, 2026)	2140	443.95
<b>Total</b>		<b>10080</b>	<b>3620.427</b>

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

(c) Under the Adarsh Gram component of the scheme, a total of 14,061 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.

(f) The Department has proposed continuation of the Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) for the period 2026-27 to 2030-31 with an enhanced outlay to further expand the coverage and strengthen livelihood and infrastructure interventions for the socio-economic development of Scheduled Castes.

Annexure in r/o Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3802 to be answered on 25.03.2026 regarding "PM-AJAY Scheme"

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 19.03.2026)
1	Andhra Pradesh	74.93	0	8.79	40.07	19.655
2	Assam	0	0.05	15.90	25.31	19.617
3	Bihar	0	56.535	0	8.72	0
4	Chhatisgarh	39.87	0	0	0	11.7179
5	Gujarat	3.19	0	0	0	1.73
6	Haryana	0	0	0	7.19	3.138
7	Himachal Pradesh	30.75	0	0	2.02	2.588
8	Jammu & Kashmir	6.15	0	5.13	8.58	4.5
9	Jharkhand	68.8	0	0	0	0
10	Karnataka	194.04	23.7749	4.5	24.24	67.571
11	Kerala	1.35	1.3507	3.86	2.27	2.3826
12	Madhya Pradesh	51.02	0	3.75	18.86	5.312
13	Maharashtra	11.70	28.6107	2.16	27.24	41.264
14	Manipur	0	7	0.032	5.33	0
15	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0
16	Mizoram	0	0	0	3.93	0.174
17	Nagaland	21.82	1.8	21	0	0
18	Odisha	91.84	1.49	48.34	46.85	58.13
19	Punjab	0	41.2603	0	45.87	0.193
20	Rajasthan	80.37	0	7.5	0	6.712
21	Sikkim	5.10	0.1645	3.72	1.91	0.5313
22	Tamil Nadu	299.76	0	280.80	321.87	65.9289
23	Telangana	25.2	0	13.99	4.92	3.798
24	Tripura	49.87	1.1048	4.73	5.09	5.622
25	Uttar Pradesh	553.50	0	3.07	65.76	67.604
26	Uttarakhand	13.87	0	4.89	4.84	6.5797
27	West Bengal	195	0	33.21	58.29	48.959
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
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1818.25</b>	<b>163.14</b>	<b>465.65</b>	<b>729.49</b>	<b>443.9474</b>

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