

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -615**  
ANSWERED ON – 04/02/2026

**SOCIO-ECONOMIC MOBILISATION OF MARGINALISED COMMUNITIES**

615 # SMT. DARSHANA SINGH

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

(a) whether Government has evaluated the impact of the Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) and the Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA) on the educational outcomes of marginalized communities, if so, the details thereof up to December, 2025, State-wise; and

(b) whether the impact of the Pradhan Mantri Dakshata Aur Kushalata Sampanna Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Yojana and related skill development programs on employment, income growth and sustainable livelihoods has been assessed, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) 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 & Hostel of the scheme 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. As per the evaluation report, access to the hostel component of PM-AJAY directly led to increased continuation rates in higher secondary and college education, especially for Girls, resolving issues of long commutes or unsafe travel. As on December 2025, a total of 911 hostels for 74,749 beneficiaries have been sanctioned under PM-AJAY scheme. ( State-wise details are attached at **Annexure-I**).

The impact of the Central Sector Scheme namely "Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA)" has been evaluated through a third-party evaluation conducted by the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR). The Evaluation Report has indicated improved retention, reduced dropout, higher pass percentages, enhanced educational aspirations, and a reduction in caste and gender gaps among Scheduled Caste students. The Third-Party Evaluation covered 41 districts across six geographical regions of the country.

As on December 2025, the evaluation reported 15,816 beneficiaries Nationwide during 2023-24, of which 4,135 students (26%) were covered under Mode-I, in which private residential schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and other State Boards are reimbursed for providing school education and hostel facility for SC students selected through a Nationwide merit-based examination and 11,681 students (74%) were covered under Mode-II of SHRESHTA, in which the Grant-in-Aid is provided to the Non-Governmental Organizations/ Voluntary Organization (NGOs/VOs) for running and maintenance of the project of residential/non-Residential schools and hostels for SC students. The evaluation does not provide State/UT-wise outcomes. However, the number of Private Residential Schools ( Mode-I) and the number of School/ Hostel projects ( Mode-II) situated in States/ UTs, along with the number of beneficiaries are at **Annexure II and Annexure III** during the last five years.

(b) The Evaluation study of the PM-DAKSH Scheme shows strong relevance and learning effectiveness, with over 90% of beneficiaries reporting alignment of training with career goals, local labour market needs and achievement of intended learning outcomes. Impact results indicate strong non-material gains such as improved confidence, self-esteem and social recognition, particularly among women and marginalised groups. Sustainability outcomes are also positive, with most beneficiaries continuing to use acquired skills, expecting long-term income growth, reinvesting in development, and feeling capable of maintaining improvements independently.

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**The details of State-wise Hostel sanctioned under PMAJAY and completion status (from 2007-08 till December,2025)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Total No. of Hostels Sanctioned</b>	<b>No. of hostels completed</b>	<b>No. of beneficiaries</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh *	33	5	3265
2	Assam	44	36	2924
3	Bihar *	19	16	1890
4	Chhattisgarh	48	46	2420
5	Gujarat	17	17	3270
6	Haryana	17	14	1860
7	Himachal Pradesh *	9	7	1125
8	Jammu And Kashmir	5	4	400
9	Jharkhand	21	16	1450
10	Karnataka	45	35	3136
11	Kerala	9	9	730
12	Madhya Pradesh	87	77	6650
13	Maharashtra*	59	55	5273
14	Manipur	24	16	2155
15	Mizoram	3	0	450
16	Nagaland	9	0	1350
17	Odisha *	177	169	14834
18	Puducherry	4	2	500
19	Punjab	15	15	1226
20	Rajasthan	105	101	4475
21	Sikkim	6	4	600
22	Tamil Nadu	50	47	4641
23	Telangana	11	4	1500
24	Tripura	8	5	520
25	Uttar Pradesh	32	24	2734
26	Uttarakhand*	6	2	350
27	West Bengal	48	48	5021
	<b>Total</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>74749</b>

\*3 hostels in Andhra Pradesh, 3 hostels in Bihar, 2 hostels in Himachal Pradesh, 2 hostels in Odisha, 1 hostel in Uttarakhand & 4 hostels in Maharashtra have been cancelled and their amount refunded by the respective State Governments through DD.

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NUMBER OF PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS LOCATED IN STATES/UTS ALONG WITH NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES DURING LAST FIVE YEARS (MODE-I):

S.No	State/UTs	Private Residential School Selected during 2021-22	No of Beneficiaries	Private Residential School Selected during 2022-23	No of Beneficiaries	Private Residential School Selected during 2023-24	No of Beneficiaries	Private Residential School Selected during 2024-25	No of Beneficiaries	Private Residential School Selected during 2025-26	No of Beneficiaries
1	Andhra Pradesh	14	103	5	202	8	438	11	682	11	807
2	Bihar	6	226	2	198	5	115	4	112	03	86
3	Chhattisgarh	6	50	5	130	7	231	8	324	9	354
4	Gujarat	1	1	6	22	1	29	1	31	1	36
5	Haryana	1	3	10	51	15	293	11	668	21	1028
6	Himachal Pradesh	1	9	8	35	4	56	4	72	3	82
7	Jharkhand	6	73	3	85	4	60	3	72	2	36
8	Karnataka	8	51	0	34	1	45	2	69	2	90
9	Kerala	1	2	16	195	11	278	9	272	8	224
10	Madhya Pradesh	5	62	8	183	12	267	11	295	13	325
11	Maharashtra	4	25	5	97	5	120	4	127	2	88
12	Orissa	17	98	3	183	6	128	4	90	3	82
13	Punjab	0	0	2	17	3	39	4	44	2	25
14	Rajasthan	5	60	27	236	25	783	31	1263	40	1527
15	Tamil Nadu	4	40	21	198	16	292	14	312	11	265
16	Telangana	0	0	1	25	1	53	0	32	0	8
17	Uttar Pradesh	12	247	10	432	17	830	19	1373	23	1500
18	Uttarakhand	2	24	6	47	3	53	5	60	4	48
19	West Bengal	0	0	2	12	0	10	0	4	0	4
20	A & N Island	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	1	0	1
21	Puducherry	0	0	1	7	0	8	0	4	0	3
22	Assam	1	7	1	14	0	5	0	3	0	3
23	Tripura	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1085</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>2405</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>4135</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>5910</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>6622</b> (as on 15.01.2026)

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Number of school and hostel Projects of NGOs/VOs located in States/UTs along with the number of beneficiaries during last five years (Mode-II):

S.No	State/UTs	Number of Projects 2021-22	No of Beneficiaries	Number of Projects 2022-23	No of Beneficiaries	Number of Projects 2023-24	No of Beneficiaries	Number of Projects 2024-25	No of Beneficiaries	No of NGO 2025-26	No of Beneficiaries
1	Andhra Pradesh	6	1050	6	255	5	509	5	472	5	0
2	Gujarat	1	200	1	141	1	0	1	98	1	0
3	Haryana	1	100	1	191	1	0	1	92	1	0
4	Karnataka	13	1700	13	853	14	1115	14	1054	14	158
5	Madhya Pradesh	5	1000	5	337	3	280	3	175	3	100
6	Maharashtra	38	3800	38	3997	37	2862	34	1624	34	845
7	Orissa	12	1800	12	1081	11	1094	11	578	11	287
8	Rajasthan	20	2300	15	1738	15	1616	15	1448	15	0
9	Tamil Nadu	2	400	2	445	2	0	2	0	2	0
10	Uttar Pradesh	22	3700	22	2796	22	2881	22	1920	22	499
11	Uttarakhand	1	200	1	37	1	131	1	100	1	0
12	West Bengal	5	1100	5	225	5	308	5	168	5	185
13	NCT of Delhi	5	500	5	1026	5	752	5	542	5	89
14	Assam	6	700	6	574	6	0	6	0	6	0
15	Manipur	1	200	1	0	1	25	1	0	1	75
16	Telangana	2	300	2	230	2	108	2	100	2	0
17	Meghalaya	2	300	2	148	2	0	2	0	2	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>19350</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>14074</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>11681</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>8371</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>2238</b> (as on 15.01.2026)

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