

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2352
ANSWERED ON 03/08/2021

IMPLEMENTATION OF AAJEEVIKA GRAMEEN EXPRESS YOJANA (AGEY)

2352. SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI SELVAM G.:
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objective behind the move;
- (c) the details of the States which have implemented AGEY as on date;
- (d) the achievement made since the inception of the Yojana along with the funds allocated/utilized for the Yojana;
- (e) the challenges faced by the Government while implementing the Yojana;
- (f) whether any special provision has been made for women under the said Yojana and if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to implement the Yojana in all the States which will facilitate transport facilities in the rural areas?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

- (a) Yes sir.
- (b) This Ministry is implementing Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY), the sub-scheme under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), to facilitate transport facilities in rural areas and also to provide job opportunities to members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs). The scheme was launched in August, 2017.
- (c) The scheme has been approved for 34 States/Union Territories (UTs), presently 26 States/UTs are implementing the scheme. The current status of the scheme is given in the **Annexure**.
- (d) As on 30th June, 2021, 1811 vehicles are operational across 26 States/UTs under AGEY. There is no separate budgetary allocation for AGEY. Under the programme, the Community Investment Fund (CIF) provided to Community Based Organisations (CBOs) under the existing provisions of DAY-NRLM is utilised for providing interest free loan to the SHG members. The States/UTs wise allocation of Community Investment Fund (CIF) limit in this regard is detailed in **Annexure**.

(e) The CIF provided to SHG network is used for various activities including livelihoods. Few States have reported that CIF had competing demands hencesometimes making funds available for AGEY becomes difficult.

(f) Yes sir. The beneficiaries are selected from among the women SHG members of the DAY-NRLM network.

(g) The scheme has been approved for 34 States/UTs. Further, based on the suggestions from the States, AGEY guidelines were modified in December, 2019, removing the upper limit on the number of Blocks and vehicles in a State subject to the total expenditure remaining within the State wise ceiling under the scheme.

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (c)& (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2352 to be answered on 03.08.2021 regarding “Implementation of Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana (AGEY)”.

List of the 34 States/Union Territories (UTs) where AGEY is approved and details of allocation of Community Investment Fund (CIF)& Present Progress

S.No	State/UT	Maximum CIF fund permissible (Rs. Lakhs)	No. of Vehicles operational (upto 30 th June, 2021)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	51.00	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	306.00	16
3	Arunachal Pradesh	204.00	21
4	Assam	408.00	112
5	Bihar	867.00	102
6	Chhattisgarh	918.00	482
7	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	51.00	0
	Daman & Diu	51.00	0
8	Goa	51.00	0
9	Gujarat	357.00	131
10	Haryana	306.00	29
11	Himachal Pradesh	204.00	0
12	Jammu & Kashmir	306.00	0
13	Ladakh		
14	Jharkhand	1,020.00	5
15	Karnataka	408.00	5
16	Kerala	204.00	3
17	Lakshadweep	51.00	0
18	Madhya Pradesh	969.00	176
19	Maharashtra	663.00	44
20	Manipur	102.00	24
21	Meghalaya	153.00	2
22	Mizoram	153.00	48
23	Nagaland	255.00	29
24	Odisha	1,071.00	17
25	Pondicherry	51.00	6
26	Punjab	306.00	10
27	Rajasthan	459.00	28
28	Sikkim	102.00	23
29	Tamil Nadu	459.00	0
30	Telangana	255.00	84
31	Tripura	153.00	20
32	Uttar Pradesh	1,224.00	261
33	Uttarakhand	204.00	46
34	West Bengal	408.00	87
Total		12,750.00	1811