GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2619 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2025

IMPLEMENTATION OF PM-AJAY

2619. SMT. SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:

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

- (a) whether the Government has evaluated the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) in the country, particularly in terms of infrastructure development, livelihood generation and educational support in Scheduled Caste-dominated areas;
- (b) if so, the total number of villages selected and developed as model villages under PMAJAY including Odisha;
- (c) the details of funds allocated and utilized since the launch of the scheme in 2023, Statewise;
- (d) whether any Scheduled Caste-dominated villages have been covered under PM-AJAY or its earlier components, particularly in Balangir district; and
- (e) if so, the outcomes achieved in terms of livelihood assistance, skill training and access to basic amenities?

ANSWER

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 being implemented since 2021-22. The Scheme has three components namely (i) 'Adarsh Gram', (ii)'Grants-in-aid for District/State-level Projects for Socio-Economic betterment of Scheduled Caste(SC)Communities' and (iii) 'Hostel'. For effective implementation and monitoring, a centralized Management Information System (MIS) portal has been developed to capture real-time data for each component of the scheme. The implementation of the scheme is monitored through regular reviews, state-wise performance tracking, and oversight by committees at the Central, State, and Village levels. Also, impact assessment has been taken up by NITI Ayog.
- (b): Under the Adarsh Gram component of the PM-AJAY scheme, 29,907 villages have been selected, out of which 12,175 villages have been declared as Adarsh Gram. In Odisha, 1,456 villages have been selected, of which 978 villages have been declared as Adarsh Gram.

- (c): The State wise details of central assistance released under PM-AJAY scheme since 2021-22 is at **Annexure.**
- (d) & (e): In Balangir district, under Adarsh Gram component of PM-AJAY, 30 villages have been identified, out of these 23 villages have been declared as Adarsh Gram by undertaking works like construction of CC roads, Anganwadis, toilets, drains, street lights, soak pits, solar lights, hand pumps etc. Under Grants-in-Aid component of PM-AJAY scheme,121 beneficiaries benefitted under skill training intervention and 99 beneficiaries benefitted under livelihood assistance intervention and 20 projects have been approved under infrastructure development intervention.

Annexure in r/o Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2619 on Implementation of PM-AJAY Details of central assistance released under PM-AJAY scheme since 2021-22

S.No.	States/UTs	Fund released (Rs. in Crore)
1	Andhra Pradesh	123.8
2	. Assam	41.26
3	Bihar	65.25
4	Chandigarh	0.46
5	Chhatisgarh	39.87
6	Delhi	0
7	Goa	0
8	Gujarat	3.19
9	Haryana	8.09
10	Himachal Pradesh	32.77
11	Jammu & Kashmir	19.87
12	Jharkhand	68.8
13	Karnataka	246.56
14	Kerala	8.84
15	Madhya Pradesh	73.52
16	Maharashtra	82.35
17	Manipur	12.36
18	Meghalaya	0
19	Mizoram	3.93
20	Nagaland	44.62
21	Odisha	208.06
22	Puducherry	0.03
23	Punjab	87.13
24	Rajasthan	87.87
25	Sikkim	11.08
26	Tamil Nadu	919.04
27	Telangana	47.91
28	Tripura	65.31
29	Uttar Pradesh	622.34
30	Uttarakhand	23.61
31	West Bengal	307.62
Total		3255.54
