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Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Department of Social Justice and Empowerment
(PMAGY Cell)

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To

1. The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries in charge of Social Welfare/Scheduled Castes Welfare Department in the State/UTs of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, J&K, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Odisha, Punjab, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tripura, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
2. The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries, Rural Development Department, Government of Jharkhand and Haryana.
3. The Secretary, Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department, Govt. of Telangana.

Subject: Implementation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana(PMAGY) under the revised guidelines since 2018-19-Modifications/Amendments in the said guidelines - reg.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana(PMAGY) is being implemented since 2018-19 under the revised implementation guidelines and presently being implemented successfully in 24 States/UTs. Further, for effective implementation and monitoring of the Scheme, a MIS portal of the Scheme has also been put in place for this purpose.

2. Based on the inputs received during imparting capacity building programme to State and District level officials, from the representatives of the State/UT Govts. responsible for implementation of Scheme and in order to accelerate the implementation process, it become desirable to carry out certain amendments in the existing guidelines apart from setting right the existing drafting error.

3. After taking into account all these aspects, the competent authority has approved the following amendments in the existing implementation guidelines:

| Para No. | Existing Provisions | Amended Provisions |
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| 3.2 | The particulars of the 50 Monitorable Indicators for various domains are listed in the next para. As such the Monitorable Indicators pertain to the following 10 domains: | The particulars of the 50 Monitorable Indicators under 10 domains are listed in the next para. These 10 domains are: |
| 5.2 | Usually a certain number of SC | Usually a certain number of SC majority |

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| | majority Villages will be taken up for integrated development during a certain phase of the Programme e.g. in the Pilot Phase, 1000 villages were chosen for funding and in the Phase-I, 1500 villages were chosen under PMAGY. Each phase will be for a period of two years but a village, once selected, will be monitored for another 3 years to continue efforts for improving the socio-economic indicators. Thus, while funds released under PMAGY are to be utilized within the 2 year period of the Phase, the Monitorable Indicators will be reviewed for a total of 5 years. | Villages will be taken up for integrated development every year depending upon various factors e.g. willingness of State/UT Govts. to implement Scheme, availability of funds, status of UCs, unspent balances etc. The funds released under "Gap-filling" component in these selected villages will be utilized with in a period of Two(02) years from the date of release. However, the monitoring of convergent implementation would be done for another Three(03) years to continue efforts for improving the socio-economic indicators. Thus, while funds released under PMAGY are to be utilized within Two(02) years period from the date of release, the Monitorable Indicators, however, will be reviewed for a total period of Five(05) years. |
| 5.3 | Even while villages selected under a particular phase achieve a certain level of development, they may aspire to improve further and hence villages can again be included in subsequent phases of the Scheme for receiving multiple rounds of funding. | Even while villages selected in a particular year achieve a certain level of development after implementation of Scheme, they may aspire to improve further and hence these villages can again be included under the Scheme in coming years for receiving multiple rounds of funding for different sets of goal provided that the VDP is successfully completed in overall period of five years (2+3) and inspected independently by Ministry having Inspection Report is outstanding. |
| 6.2 | 'Gap-filling': The specifically identified developmental requirements of the selected villages which cannot be met under any of the existing schemes of the Central and State Governments, would be undertaken from 'Gap-filling' fund under this Scheme. Activities only of non-recurring nature would be funded through the gap-filling component. An indicative list of the purposes for which funds under the 'Gap-filling' component may be utilized is as under: 1. Development of Drinking Water and Sanitation | 'Gap-filling': The identified infrastructure developmental requirements of the selected villages as per Format II, which cannot be met under any of the existing schemes of the Central as well as State/UT Governments, would be undertaken from 'Gap-filling' funds under this Scheme. Activities only of non-recurring nature and used for community purpose would be funded through the 'Gap-filling' component. |

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| | <p>Infrastructure</p> <p>2. Setting up of Solid and Liquid waste disposal facilities</p> <p>3. Construction and major Repairs of toilets in Schools and Anganwadis</p> <p>4. Construction of Anganwadis</p> <p>5. Construction of all-weather roads</p> <p>6. Installation of Solar Lights and Street Lights</p> | |
| 10.1 | <p>Financial assistance under the Scheme will be released by the Central Government to the States/UTs in two installments. The first installment, up to 50% of the admissible grant, will be released immediately on selection of the villages to enable capacity building, awareness generation, need assessment, preparation of Village Development Plans and commencing infrastructure works identified for undertaking from the 'Gap-filling' funds. Initially, the State Government/UT Administration will release the funds to the District Administrations for capacity building, administrative expenses, awareness generation and initiating non cost based activities.</p> | <p>Financial assistance under the Scheme will be released by the Central Government to the States/UTs in two installments. The first installment, up to 50% of the admissible grant, will be released immediately on selection of the villages to enable State/UT Governments to carry out capacity building, awareness generation, need assessment, preparation of Village Development Plans including the works identified for undertaking from the 'Gap-filling' funds. The balance admissible Central Assistance would be released in respect of the VDPs finalized by the Gram Sabhas as 2nd installment.</p> |
| 10.2 | <p>Funds under the 'Gap-filling' component will be released by the State Government to the District Administration after approval of the VDPs of the selected villages by the District PMAGY Convergence Committee. Thereafter, the District Administration will release funds to the Gram Panchayats and line Departments for execution of identified infrastructure works</p> | <p>Initially, the State Government/UT Administration will release the entire admissible funds under 'Administrative Expenses' to the District Administrations for carrying out capacity building, administrative expenses, awareness generation and initiating non cost based activities. Thereafter the entire admissible funds under the 'Gap-filling' component i.e. Rs.20.00 lakh per village will be released by the State Government to the District Administration once the VDP of the selected</p> |

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| | under VDP. | villages is approved by their DLCC so that the planned works can be executed without any delay. The District Administration, in turn, will release funds to the Gram Panchayats and other line Departments for execution of identified infrastructure works under VDP. |
| 10.3 | Before release of the second installment under the Scheme, an appraisal of its implementation in the State shall be undertaken by the Central level Steering-cum-Monitoring Committee. Funds shall be released to the State Governments only after the reasonable physical and financial progress is achieved. | DELETED |
| 16.5 | The Composition of the three convergence Committees will be as per Annexure-IX. While the State level Convergence Committee will meet once a quarter, the District and Village level Convergence Committees need to meet once a month to ensure smooth execution of the Scheme. | The indicative composition of the three convergence Committees will be as per Annexure-IX. However, the State/UT Governments may include or exclude any members if in their opinion it is in the interest of the Scheme to do so. While the State level Convergence Committee will meet once a quarter, the District and Village level Convergence Committees need to meet once a month to ensure smooth execution of the Scheme. |
| 18.1 | The time limit for utilizing PMAGY funds will be two years from the date of release of funds for new villages and one year for villages under additional round of funding. Convergent implementation, however, will continue for another 3 years at least in all the selected villages in order to ensure maintenance of the basic 'Adarsh Gram' milestones, and stabilization and improvement in the Monitorable Indicators. | The time limit for utilizing PMAGY funds i.e. 'Gap-filling' funds will be Two(02) years from the date of release of funds for all villages; new villages as well as villages selected under additional round of funding. Convergent implementation, however, will continue for another Three(03) years at least in all the selected villages in order to ensure maintenance of the basic 'Adarsh Gram' milestones, and stabilization and improvement in the Monitorable Indicators. |
| 19.1 | The Programme Director at District level will be responsible for submitting Monthly Progress Reports (MPRs) of each selected village as per formats IV, V and VI. | The Programme Director at District level will update the progress of work of each selected village in formats IV, V and VI. In addition, the District PMAGY Programme Director will furnish the MPR as per Format |

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| | In addition, the District PMAGY Programme Director will furnish the MPR as per Format VII while State PMAGY Programme Director will furnish the MPR as per Format VIII. All the Formats I to VIII are at Annexure-X. | VII while State PMAGY Programme Director will furnish the MPR as per Format VIII. All the Formats I to VIII are at Annexure-X. |
| New Para | | 19.3-A. A Project Implementation Cell (PIC) would be set up in each District to monitor the progress of need assessment, ensure convergence, timely holding of the Gram Sabha etc. i.e. all steps that are required for finalization of VDPs and execution of the same. The PIC would be manned by Young Professionals(YPs) and shall appointed by the District Level Convergence Committees (DLCCs). The Young Professionals should be below the age of 25 years, having qualification of at least a Bachelor's Degree from a reputed institute, having high social consciousness and preferably belong to the Scheduled Castes (SCs) category. The total no. of YPs in a District would be @one person per 25 villages. For Districts having less than 25 villages, the DLCC of that District would identify an exclusive person(s) who will form the PIC. The total cost for engaging such YPs shall not more than a total of Rs. 5.00 lakh for 18 months per person. |
| 19.4 | The expenditure on development and implementation of the MIS would be made from the "administrative expenses" provided for under the Scheme and will be utilized for the following items: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of a suitable MIS software for the scheme 2. Hiring of manpower, with appropriate skills, on short term contract for operating the MIS 3. Provision of computer facilities, where absolutely necessary, with internet connectivity | The "administrative expenses" provided for under the Scheme will be utilized for the following items: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of a suitable Centralized MIS software for the scheme 2. Hiring of manpower, with appropriate skills, on short term contract for operating the MIS as well as Project Implementation Cell(PIC). 3. Provision of computer facilities, where absolutely necessary, with internet connectivity |

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4. The revised implementation guidelines, after taking into account all the above amendments, is enclosed herewith for your kind information please.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully,

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