

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

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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

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1. The Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries in charge of Social Welfare/Scheduled Castes Welfare/Scheduled Castes Development Department in the State/UTs of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, J&K, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, 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 Department, Govt. of Telangana.
4. The Director, Directorate of Community and Rural Development, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong.

**Subject: Implementation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) under the revised implementation guidelines – Uniform criteria for declaration of selected villages as “Adarsh Gram”- reg.**

Sir/Madam,

This Department is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana(PMAGY) under the revised implementation guidelines since the year 2018-19 wherein the selected villages are to be saturated against 50 pre-defined Socio-Economic Developmental indicators, primarily through convergence with the existing Central or State Government schemes as well as “Gap-filling” funds provided under the scheme.

2. Each of these indicators have been allotted 02 marks and in the event of saturation of all the 50 indicators in any selected villages, the score of that village will stand at 100. However, keeping in view that development is a continuous process and aspirations vary, it has been left to the concerned Districts to decide the score which they aspire to achieve, at the time of preparation of Village Development Plans(VDPs) .

3. To make the process simpler, many States have requested for fixing a minimum criteria for declaration of villages as 'Adarsh Grams'. In order to ensure minimum development in all the villages selected under the scheme, it has been decided with the approval of the competent authority that such villages which achieve a consolidated score of “70” and have also become “Open Defecation Free (ODF)”, would be eligible to be declared as “Adarsh Gram” under the scheme.

4. However, the convergent implementation of schemes as well as full utilization of “Gap-filling” funds as per the targets of the Village Development Plans(VDPs) will continue till the saturation of identified monitorable socio-economic developmental indicators to achieve the target score as decided by the District level authority at the time of preparation of VDPs, which, in any case, should not be less than “70”.

5. An enabling provision is being made in the portal to show such villages in a different group and the moment any selected village falls under this criteria and included in the list, the concerned State/UT Governments will make a physical verification of the claims entered in the portal by the implementing agencies and would ensure that such village indeed qualifies to be

declared as "Adarsh Gram".

Yours faithfully,

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