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Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Department of Social Justice and Empowerment
(PM-AJAY)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

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To

The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries in charge of Social Welfare/Scheduled Castes Welfare Department in the State/UT of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Odisha, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal

Subject: Preparation and finalisation of Village Development Plans (VDPs) under Adarsh Gram component of PM-AJAY - regarding.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to Secretary (SJ&E)'s D.O. letter No. AGY-16015/10/2021-PMAGY dated 03.07.2025 in which States were requested to launch a campaign for generating and approving VDPs and to state that timely preparation and approval of Village Development Plans (VDPs) is essential for the declaration of Adarsh Grams under the Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY).

2. In this context, it is requested that the States/UTs may launch a focused campaign (if not done previously) to expedite the preparation of pending VDPs and earmarking 2nd October, 2025 as the date for their mass approval. This date may also be treated as the deadline for completing the approval process.

3. It is also to state that the necessary information may be obtained/compiled from the existing secondary sources, such as health-related data from Village Health Committee , ASHAs and Anganwadi Workers and Health Centres/PHCs , education-related inputs from Village Education Committee, local school , school headmasters , School Management and infrastructure details from Panchayats and line Departments. This exercise will greatly accelerate the VDP preparation and approval process, thereby facilitating the timely declaration of Adarsh Grams.

4. It is, therefore, requested to kindly issue suitable instructions to the concerned officers/departments in your State/UT and ensure adherence to the above timeline.

Yours faithfully,

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