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Government of India  
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment  
Department of Social Justice and Empowerment  
(PMAJAY)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 15.05.2025

To,

The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of States/UTs in charge of  
implementing Department of Adarsh Gram component of PM-AJAY Scheme.  
(As per standard list)

**Subject: Replacement of deleted/removed villages selected under Adarsh Gram component - reg.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to say that a number of States/UTs have sent requests from time to time for deletion/removal from the PMAGY portal the names SC majority villages identified/ selected for implementation of the Adarsh Gram component of PM AJAY , citing non-eligibility of the said villages as per Scheme guidelines, eg; some of these identified villages earlier have been notified as municipal areas or have become ineligible due to other reasons. . The Ministry has taken note of this earlier too and has decided that the States/UTs may replace the ineligible earlier identified/selected villages by other eligible villages as per the Adarsh Gram component eligibility criteria ( rural village with a minimum population of 500 and at least 40% SC population ) and extant Scheme Guidelines so that eligible villages are benefited to the fullest.

2. States/UTs are, therefore, requested to identify the non-eligible villages already removed/deleted and replace them with new eligible villages. Thereafter, the Village Development plans (VDPs ) of newly selected/added villages are to be generated and uploaded on the PMAGY portal at the earliest so that further central assistance can be released to the States/UTs.

3. This exercise may be completed within a month, latest by **15th June, 2025** and submit a report there to to the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Yours faithfully,

(Sewak Paul)  
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Copy to Sr. Technical Director, NIC, DoSJE with the request to take all necessary steps to update the PM AJAY portal in consultation with the implementing States/UTs and their nodal officers.