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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: 06.08.2025

To

The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of all States/UTs implementing Adarsh Gram component of PMAJAY scheme.

Subject: Replacement of ineligible villages under PMAGY – reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to this Department's letter of even number dated 28.07.2025 (copy enclosed), wherein a revised list of villages whose Village Development Plans (VDPs) are yet to be generated has been shared with the implementing State Governments/UTs for information and necessary action.

2. In this regard, it is informed that any ineligible village removed earlier, or any village where funds have not been released and where it is not found feasible to proceed with the implementation of the Adarsh Gram component in a particular village(s), that particular village(s) may be replaced by the States/UTs from the revised list shared vide the above-mentioned letter, subject to adherence to the Adarsh Gram component guidelines of PM AJAY Scheme. The State-wise/district-wise updated list of villages falling under the existing criteria of PM AJAY guidelines, has accordingly been reflected/populated on the PMAGY portal.

3. Further, as this is the terminal year of the scheme, timely preparation and approval of VDPs is critical to achieving the scheme's objectives. In this regard, as earlier communicated through the Secretary's DO letter to the Chief Secretaries of States, a VDP Campaign is to be launched to accelerate the preparation and approval of VDPs. Here, to make the programme focused and time bound, it is requested that a senior officer of appropriate

level be appointed as District in Charge , to guide, monitor and enthuse the field workers so that the campaign becomes successful in a time bound manner. A Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) (copy enclosed) for District-in-Charge Officers handling the Adarsh Gram component is enclosed for reference and necessary action.

4. It is, therefore, requested to issue suitable directions to all concerned in your State/UT for launching the campaign in your State/UT, and to take necessary steps to expedite the preparation and approval of VDPs for the development of SC-dominated villages as Adarsh Grams. It is also urged that the progress of the campaign may be closely monitored at your level to ensure its success.

5. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Sewak Paul)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Copy to: JD, NIC, DoSJE – with a request to upload this communication on the PMAGY portal and to facilitate necessary modifications in the PMAGY portal for inclusion of new villages from the revised list in place of removed/ineligible villages, as per the requests of States/UTs. Further, replaced villages may be included in list for the year 2025-26 and reflected on the portal as well.