To

1. The 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 Principal Secretaries/Secretaries, Panchayati Raj Department, Govt. of Telangana

Subject: Implementation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) under the revised guidelines- Issue of certain clarifications - reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) is being implemented under revised implementation guidelines since 2018-19.

2. In view of the current pandemic situation due to the outbreak of Corona virus in the country, following instructions are hereby issued as an interim measure, over and above the existing implementation guidelines, in order to facilitate implementation of the Scheme and grounding of the works identified to be carried out in the PMAGY villages:

i. As per the guidelines of the scheme, the Village Development Plan (VDP) has to be based on gaps identified through both infrastructure assessment and household survey. Due to the pandemic situation, it has become difficult to undertake the household survey which is resulting in delay in finalisation of VDP and consequent delay in grounding of works and utilization of the ‘Gap-filling’ funds. It has therefore been decided to allow the States/UTs to go ahead with finalization of Interim Village Development Plans (iVDPs) based on infrastructure need assessment only. The PMAGY software has accordingly been modified to allow interim VDPs as well. At present the VDP is prepared on Formats IV, and V which are a consolidation of the Action Plans already captured in Format II and III-B reflecting the Infrastructure and Family/Individual needs respectively. Format IV and V also serve to the monitor monthly progress of the implementation of the VDP. Thus in case there is likely delay in finalizing the VDP due to delay in house hold survey, the States/UTs may generate interim VDPs based on Format II and IV only. The
regular VDP will, however, be required to be prepared in due course as and when the situation improves.

ii. The entire admissible funds under the ‘Gap-filling’ component i.e. Rs.20.00 lakh per village should be released by the State/UT Governments to the District Administration once the VDP or iVDP of the selected village is approved by its 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 immediately for execution of the identified infrastructure works under VDP or iVDPs.

3. The State/UT Govts. are, therefore, requested to undertake the implementation of the Scheme in their State/UT accordingly and expedite the finalization of VDPs or iVDPs, release the funds to the implementing agencies and expedite the grounding of works in these villages.

Yours faithfully,
-Sd.-

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