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# States demand hike in funds under PMAY rural housing scheme

### Want PMAY-Gramin aid to be hiked to ₹2-2.25 lakh/unit from ₹1.2-1.3 lakh

**HARIKISHAN SHARMA**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 28

IN THE RUN-UP to the Union Budget for 2025-26, over a dozen states, many of them ruled by the BJP, have sought a sharp increase in financial assistance for building houses in rural areas under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G).

Sources said the rural development ministers of these dozen states sought a hike in PMAY-G unit assistance to Rs 2-2.25 lakh from the existing Rs 1.20-1.30 lakh in a meeting with Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Choudhan on January 3.

The states that put forth the demand include those led by the BJP and its allies such as Manipur, Tripura, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat and Haryana. The non-BJP states were JMM-led Jharkhand, AAP-led Punjab and DMK-led Tamil Nadu. The assistance per unit under PMAY-G has not been revised since its incep-

tion in 2016 when it was fixed at Rs 1.20 lakh for plain areas and Rs 1.30 lakh for hilly states. Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand, NE States, difficult areas, and worst-hit LWI districts.

Before the PMAY-G launch, the unit assistance was Rs 70,000 in plain areas and Rs 75,000 in hilly areas under the erstwhile Indira Awas Yojana. Some states provide higher assistance from their own funds. For instance, Tamil Nadu gives a top-up of Rs 1.2 lakh over and above the Rs 1.2 lakh provided under PMAY-G.

Jharkhand's Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Dipika Pandey Singh, said the state provides Rs 2 lakh per beneficiary under its 'Abua Awas Yojana' (AAY). Besides, it also allows 95-day work under the MG-NREGA (job guarantee scheme), taking the overall assistance under the AAY to about Rs 3 lakh, she said.

After the Jharkhand govern-

ment launched its scheme, the demand for the Centre's PMAY-G has come down, Singh said. "Job do lakh rupay ka Abua Awas mil rha hai to 1.2 lakh rupay ka PMAY-G koi kyon lega? (When our scheme provides Rs 2 lakh per unit, why would one take PMAY-G house, under which only Rs 1.2 lakh are given)," she said.

In the meeting with Choudhan, many states including Jharkhand, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh had demanded increased PMAY-G unit assistance, she said.

Calls and messages seeking a response of the Ministry of Rural Development remained unanswered.

When PMAY-G was launched in 2016, the government aimed to construct 2.95 crore jobs in rural areas. Presenting the Interim Budget for 2024-25 on February 1 last year, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, had announced that two crore more

houses will be built under the PMAY-G in the next five years. The same target was approved by the Union Cabinet in its first meeting on June 10. When Sitharaman presented regular budget on July 16, 2024, she allocated Rs 54,500 crore for PMAY-G for 2024-25.

Explaining the rationale for the allocation, the Expenditure Budget noted, "At present, the beneficiary households are being provided unit assistance of Rs 1.2 lakh in plain areas and Rs 1.3 lakh in IAP districts/Hilly/North Eastern States. However the unit assistance is being enhanced to Rs 2 lakh in plain areas and Rs 2.20 lakhs in IAP districts/Hilly/North Eastern States and difficult areas from FY 2024-25 onward with a target to construct 2 crore houses."

However, on August 9, 2024, when the Cabinet gave approval for extension of the PMAY-G till 2028-29, it kept the unit assistance unchanged for North Eastern Region States and Hilly States. Sources said the states' demand is announced in view of rising construction costs over the years.



RUN UP TO BUDGET 2025-26

### AMBEDKAR STATUE VANDALISM BID

# Kharge demands AAP govt's apology: 'Uses Ambedkar for politics, fails to protect values'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 28

THE PROTESTS over an alleged attempt to vandalise a statue of Dr B.R. Ambedkar in Amritsar spilled over to other parts of Punjab Tuesday with many markets remaining shut on a call given by Dalit bodies. Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge demanded an unconditional apology from the state's AAP government, and Union Minister Ramdas Athawale demanded Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's resignation over the matter.



BJP workers protest in front of the Ambedkar statue in Amritsar, Tuesday. PTI

Stating that the "sanctity and respect for the chief architect of India's Constitution" and "a beacon of social justice" are being trampled upon under the current dispensation, Kharge demanded an "immediate and unconditional apology" from the Punjab government for the neglect and mistreatment of Dr Ambedkar's statues. "We also demand that strict ac-

tion, without fail, must be taken against the perpetrators. Otherwise, the nation would be forced to think that both the Union government and the government of Punjab are promoting such vandalism," Kharge stated. He said the Punjab government utilised every

opportunity to use Ambedkar's name and photograph for its politics and to seek votes but "failed miserably" when it came to protecting his values and vision. "The failure to safeguard Ambedkar's legacy and ensure due respect to his symbolic presence in the form of statues is not just a regional issue — it is emblematic of a systemic disregard for the values of justice, equality and fraternity that Dr Ambedkar stood for," he said.

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And whereas, building plans of the said group housing colony (hereinafter referred to as "Project"), earlier approved vide DTCP Memo No. ZP-968/SD/2017/3051 dated - 16.02.2017 and approved vide DTCP Memo No. ZP-968-Vol-III/SD/DK/2021/27758 dated - 28.10.2021 and approved vide DTCP Memo No. ZP-968-III/SD/DRD/2023/21798 dated - 05.07.2023 and approved vide DTCP Memo No. ZP-968-VIII/SD/DRD/2024/305050 dated - 26.09.2024 (Approved Building Plans) are now proposed to be revised only in Phase A and Phase 2 for which in - principle approval has been granted by DTCP vide Memo No. ZP-968-IX/SD/DRD/2025/3584 dated - 28.01.2025 (Revised Building Plans).

And whereas, vide above referred Memo dated 28.01.2025, the office of the DTCP has required seeking of objections/suggestions (if any) against the said revision of the earlier approved building plans as a pre-condition for allowing such revision in the earlier approved building plans.

And whereas, there is no existing allottee in Phase A and Phase 2 of the above-mentioned Group Housing.

Accordingly, vide this Public Notice, objections/suggestions, if any, are hereby invited from the existing allottees (if any) on the revised building plans. The approved building plans & revised building plans are available for perusal/reference of the existing allottees (if any) on:- a) our website - www.dhni.com; b) in the office of the undersigned at Juventus Estate Ltd's office at 5th Floor, Plot no. 108, IT Park, Udyog Vihar, Phase 1, Gurgaon (122018) c) At the project site office in Sector-104, Gurugram Mansarovar Urban Complex, Gurugram, Haryana & d) in the office of Senior Town Planner, Gurugram, Town & Country Planning Haryana, HSPV Complex, Sector-14, Gurugram, Haryana.

Any of the existing allottee (if any) having any objections/suggestions on these revised building plan(s), may file his/her/third/their objection/suggestion in the office of the Senior Town Planner, Town & Country Planning Department, HSPV Complex, Sector-14, Gurugram and in the office of the undersigned within thirty (30) days of publication of this Public Notice, failing which it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the proposed revision in the building plan(s) and the consent is considered as deemed approved.

Place: Gurugram  
Date: 29.01.2025  
For Juventus Estate Ltd  
Authorized Signatory

### Assam mining accident: HC takes note, issues notice to state govt

**Gauhati:** The Gauhati High Court Tuesday took suo motu cognizance of the mining tragedy in Urungno, in which at least nine miners died earlier this month, and issued notices to the state government seeking its response on the efforts taken to stop illegal rat-hole mining in Assam.

The respondents include the Chief Secretary and officials from the state's Mine and Minerals Department, Environment and

Forest Department, Home and Political Department, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Directorate of Geology and Mining, and the Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council.

The High Court also expressed its concern over rat-hole mining in Karbi Anglong. The court directed the respondents to file their response and a latest report on the action taken to stop rat-hole coal mining by February 7.

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### Odisha ex-DGP who fell foul of Naveen Patnaik is now CM Majhi's adviser

**SUJIT BISOIYI**  
BHUBANESHWAR, JANUARY 28

FORMER ODISHA DGP Prakash Mishra who was removed from his post by the previous Naveen Patnaik-led BJP government has been appointed an adviser to CM Mohan Charan Majhi with the rank of a Cabinet Minister.

The appointment on Monday came days after Mishra, released his memoir 'Comedy in Khilafat in which he penned a chapter taking a dig at Patnaik without naming him. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan recently released the book in Bhubaneswar.

With over four decades of experience, Mishra is expected to advise the Odisha CM on issues related to the police, intelligence, and law and order.

A 1977-batch IPS officer, Mishra was brought back from central deputation to head the Odisha police in July 2012. However, in 2014, the government lodged a vigilance case against him on charges of "financial impropriety" during his tenure as the chairman of the Odisha State Police Housing and Welfare Corporation. The Vigilance Department alleged that Mishra made an advance payment of Rs 59 crore for some steel and cement supplies in 2009 against the existing rules. The case was lodged in September 2014, weeks ahead of the selection of CB chief for which he was a frontrunner and it is said to have spoiled his chance to get the top job. The Orissa High Court in June 2015 quashed the vigilance case.

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BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL,  
AHMEDABAD  
C.P. (CAA)/ 6 (AHM) 2025

connected with  
C.A. (CAA)/ 49 (AHM) 2024

In the matter of Sections 230 to 232 read with other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013

and  
In the matter of Scheme of Amalgamation

of  
Aditya Birla Finance Limited ("Amalgamating Company")

with  
Aditya Birla Capital Limited ("Amalgamated Company")

and  
their respective shareholders and creditors

**ADITYA BIRLA FINANCE LIMITED**, a company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 and having its registered office at Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval - 362 266, Gujarat, India. ... PETITIONER NO. 1/ AMALGAMATED COMPANY

AND

**ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL LIMITED**, a company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 and having its registered office at Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval - 362 266, Gujarat, India. ... PETITIONER NO. 2/ AMALGAMATED COMPANY

**NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE PETITION**

A Joint Company Petition under Sections 230-232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, for Scheme of Amalgamation of Aditya Birla Finance Limited with Aditya Birla Capital Limited and their respective shareholders and creditors ("Scheme"), was presented by the Petitioner Companies on January 9, 2025. By order dated January 23, 2025, the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Ahmedabad Bench ("Hon'ble Tribunal") has fixed the hearing of the said Joint Company Petition on February 20, 2025 before the Hon'ble Tribunal at 10:30 a.m. or soon thereafter.

Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said Joint Company Petition should send to the Petitioner Companies' advocate at the address mentioned hereunder, notice of his intention, signed by him or his advocate, with his name and address, so as to reach the Hon'ble Tribunal and the Petitioner Companies' advocate not later than 2 (two) days before the date of hearing fixed by the Hon'ble Tribunal, i.e., February 20, 2025. Where such person seeks to oppose the Joint Company Petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of his affidavit shall be furnished with such notice.

A copy of the Joint Company Petition will be furnished by the Petitioner Companies' advocate to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Dated: 28.1.2025  
Address:  
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Sd/-  
Advocates for the Petitioner Companies

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