

**Government of Punjab
Department of Home Affairs & Justice**

To

1. All the Divisional Commissioners and the Deputy Commissioners in the State
2. All the Zonal IGPs, Commissioners of Police, DIGs and SSPs in the State

No.SS/ACSH/2020/310

Dated: Chandigarh, the 17th day of April, 2020.

Sub: Implementation of directions of the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India regarding Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin (PMAYG) with respect to the consolidated guidelines dated 15.04.2020 of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India for containing spread of COVID-19.

Kindly find enclosed herewith DO letter No.J-11060/07/2018-RH (M&T)(E-363769) dated 16th April, 2020 of the Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India regarding Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin (PMAYG) with respect to the consolidated guidelines dated 15.04.2020 of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India for containing spread of COVID-19.

2. It has been requested that social distancing norms and compulsory wearing of face masks may be ensured.

These instructions dated 16.04.2020 of the Ministry of Rural Development may kindly be complied with and necessary orders immediately issued to all concerned.

Darshan Chandra

Additional Chief Secretary (Home)

17.04.2020

CC:

1. CPS/CM
2. CS
3. PSCM
4. PSRD
5. DGP Punjab
6. ADGP-Law & Order

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Dear Colleague,

Subject: Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G) PMAY-G with respect to the consolidated guidelines of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for containing spread of Covid-19 dated 15.4.2020.

Reference: DO No.A-60022/03/22020-E.II March 27.3.2020 of Secretary, Department of Rural Development.

Please refer to the detailed advice to States/UTs provided by the DO letter of the undersigned on 27th March, 2020, regarding implementation of Rural Development Programmes.

2. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) vide letter dated 15.4.2020 has indicated selected additional activities that will be allowed with effect from April, 20, 2020. However, these additional activities will be operationalised by States/Union Territories (UTs) / District Administrations based on strict compliance to the existing MHA guidelines on lockdown measures. It has been reiterated by MHA that before operating these relaxations, States/ UTs/ District Administrations shall ensure that all preparatory arrangements with regard to social distancing as also other sectoral requirements are in place.

3. MHA, vide its above mentioned guidelines, has also allowed Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) works with strict implementation of social distancing and use of face mask. Under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G) there is a mandatory convergence with MGNREGS on providing 90 / 95 days of unskilled wages. Normally, a very limited number of labour (2-3) are engaged for a house construction activity (minimum 25 square meter size) except when the roof is being cast. At roof casting stage 5 to 6 labour are engaged.

4. Accordingly, following is suggested with respect to Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G) works, which can be taken up only in those areas / Districts which are outside the declared Containment Zones: -

- i. PMAY-G works may be taken up with strict adherence to social distancing and compulsory wearing of face mask/ protective face cover.
- ii. Focus must be on completion of those PMAY-G houses where the beneficiaries have received 2nd and 3rd instalment.

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- iii. Workers, not exceeding 2-3 workers excluding the beneficiary may be engaged in house construction activity except at roof casting stage.
- iv. Utilize the lockdown period, i.e. upto 3rd May, 2020, to upload on a campaign mode physically completed houses on AwaasSoft.
- v. Maximum sanctions to beneficiaries be issued against the 2020-21 targets.

5. It is reiterated, once again, that the above guidelines will not apply to Containment Zones as demarcated by States/UTs/District Administrations. It is also reiterated that if any new area is included in the category of Containment Zone, the PMAY-G activities allowed in that area till the time of its categorisation as a Containment Zone, will be immediately suspended. Moreover, all district and field level authorities must be sensitised to imperatives of maintaining social distancing, mandatory use of face mask, including home-made protective face covers, and repeated washing of hands with soap and water.

6. I sincerely hope that with your active support and collaboration we would be in a position to effectively implement PMAY-G in these challenging times, and complete the uploading on AwwasSoft in a time bound manner. I would also like to assure you that this Ministry is committed to provide all requisite funds required for effective implementation of PMAY-G.

Regards.

Yours sincerely,


(Rajesh Bhushan)

Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries in charge of RD and PR Departments in all States/UTs