



# Important Decisions of Chhattisgarh Council of Ministers

## Why in News?

- In a meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on September 6, 2022, the decision to constitute separate departments for the welfare and development of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes was taken along with many other important decisions.

## Key Points

- In the meeting of the Council of Ministers, it was decided to constitute separate departments for the welfare and development of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes. This will enable the implementation of welfare schemes and programmes run for these sections in a more systematic manner.
- Transfer, deputation, merger, attachment of persons appointed to district level and division level posts of class III and IV in the scheduled areas of Bastar and Surguja divisions notified by the state government and Korba and Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi of Bilaspur division will not be done outside the district and division.
- The draft amendment was approved in the Interest Subsidy Rules 2021 on cooperative loans of farmers, according to which small and marginal farmers will get short-term loans up to Rs 3 lakh without interest for horticulture works, fisheries and gopalan.
- In the interest of farmers in the state, it was decided to construct Krishi Bhawan in Sector 19 of Nava Raipur Atal Nagar like other departments to implement the activities of agriculture and related departments like horticulture, fisheries, animal husbandry etc. from one place. For this, it was decided to allot land in one rupee token.
- Chhattisgarh State Hydro Electric Project (Pump Storage Based) Installation Policy 2022 was approved to encourage investment for setting up pump storage based hydro power projects in the state.
- In order to encourage the establishment of small hydro power projects, the proposal for enhancement was approved in the Departmental Policy-2012. It was decided to increase the notification issued for setting up of small hydro power project of 25 MW capacity at present, which expired in February 2022, by 10 years.
- It was decided to construct pucca roads in the service bank of irrigation canals of the Water Resources Department under the head of other construction departments instead of being done under the head of the Water Resources Department, so that the amount of irrigation department can be used to increase irrigation potential in the state.
- Under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, post-facto approval was given to produce a short film focusing on the culture of Chhattisgarh and a documentary on the creation of a new India in 75 years of independence and the next 25 years.
- It was decided to extend the period of guarantee sanctioned to the department for availing loan to meet the state share under The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) from March 2022 to December 2024 (Mission Period).
- In-principle approval was given to the financial structure approved by the State Level High Power Steering Committee for the implementation of Mission Amrut 2.0 scheme. In the Mission Amrut 2.0 scheme, 169 urban bodies of the state have been included, under which the work of water supply and augmentation scheme in urban bodies is to be done on priority.
- Under Component-C of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Maha Abhiyan (PM

KUSUM) Scheme, 810 Megawatts (DC) for energizing agricultural feeders through solar energy Departmental proposal to set up solar power plants of 675 megawatt (AC) capacity was approved.

- With the solarization of agricultural pumps, farmers will also get solar energy in addition to the electricity currently received for the operation of agricultural pumps. Therefore, at the time of solar energy availability, agricultural pumps will be operated with solar energy and if solar energy is not available, the electricity currently available will continue.

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