

## **Decisions of the Council of Ministers Headed by the Chief Minister**

## Why In News?

 On January 3, 2023, in the meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, along with approval of Rs 1807 crore 57 lakhs for 45 CM Rise schools, many other important decisions were taken.

## **Key Points**

- In the first phase of the CM Rise scheme, 275 schools are being developed by the School Education Department in the state. Out of these, DPRs were prepared for the construction of 45 schools and proposals were presented before the Project Testing Committee. In the sequence of the departmental proposal, it has been decided to construct 45 well-equipped schools on the recommendation of the Project Testing Committee.
- A total of 9 thousand 200 cm rise schools are to be constructed in the state. Its in-principal approval from the Council of Ministers has been issued in July 2021. Out of this, 370 schools are being constructed in the first phase, of which 275 schools are being constructed under the Education Department and the remaining 95 schools under the Tribal Affairs Department. In the past, 73 schools with a cost of Rs 2 thousand 660 crore have been approved by the Council of Ministers.
- The cabinet decided to increase 433 new PG seats in the medical colleges of Indore, Gwalior, Jabalpur and Rewa. Administrative approval has been given for a total of Rs 438 crore 40 lakhs for all the three medical colleges.
- With the increase of PG seats for postgraduate courses in various departments of Medical College, Indore, Gwalior, Jabalpur and Rewa, additional number of subject-specialist doctors will be available to the state every year.
- The Council of Ministers approved the plan to provide coaching for national competitive examinations to tribal students from prestigious institutions at the divisional level and to conduct offline coaching every year and online coaching pilot project for the next 4 years. Financial burden 30 crores 54 Approved lakh 71 thousand rupees.
- In this scheme, 1600 students will be benefited from offline coaching for offline coaching from the year 2022-23 to 2023-24 (according to the 2-year course). According to the announcement of the Chief Minister, a total of 250 students are targeted to be benefited in 4 years from the value of 25 students from 10 special schools for online coaching from class 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>.
- New categories and prize money have now been fixed by the Council of Ministers while revising the plan to encourage consensus and unopposed elections in the election of panchayat representatives. 5 lakhs to such Gram Panchayat whose Sarpanch has been elected unopposed. Rs 7 lakh for the post of Sarpanch if the current election and the previous election are held continuously unopposed; Such Gram Panchayat whose sarpanch and all Panch's were elected unopposed, Rs 7 lakh; Gram Panchayat whose sarpanch and all Panch women have been elected Rs 12 lakh; It was decided to give 15 lakh rupees for the unopposed election of women on all the posts of Sarpanch and Panch in Panchayat.
- It was announced by the Chief Minister at the state-level orientation, training-cum-conference of Sarpanch's on December 7, 2022, that the honorarium of Sarpanch's would be increased from Rs 1,750 to Rs 4,250 per month. In this context, the order issued by the Directorate of Panchayat Raj

was ratified by the Council of Ministers. With this, sarpanches of 23 thousand 12-gram panchayats of the state will get an honorarium of Rs 4,250 per month including telephone and hospitality allowance.

- According to the provision of the 'Grain Bank' scheme of the Tribal Affairs Department, the loss to the government due to non-receipt of foodgrains worth Rs 15 crore 75 lakhs, distributed to poor helpless tribal families through 2846 grain banks, amounted to Rs 15 crore. Approved the decision to write off Rs.75 lakh.
- Under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, there was a provision to give Rs 5,000 to eligible pregnant and lactating mothers for the first delivery. In the new guidelines of the scheme, the cabinet gave approval to give 5 thousand rupees on the first delivery along with 6 thousand rupees to the eligible beneficiary of the scheme on the birth of a girl child on the second delivery. Approval was also given to run Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana 2.0 in all the districts of the state as per the changed guidelines in the 'power' component of 'Mission Shakti'.

PDF Refernece URL: https://www.drishtiias.com/printpdf/decisions-of-the-council-of-ministers-headed-by-the-chief-minister