



Jharkhand CM to Distribute First Installment of Abua Awas Yojana

Why in News?

Jharkhand Chief Minister Champai Soren distributed **letters of acceptance and first installments** to 24,827 families of Kolhan region in the first phase of the [Abua Awas \(housing\) Yojana](#).

Key Points

- In the first phase of the scheme, the CM will hand over letters of acceptance in Kolhan division comprising families from East Singhbhum district, West Singhbhum and Seraikela-Kharsawan district along with the **first installment of Rs 30,000 each**, which will be transferred to their bank accounts through [Direct Benefit Transfer](#).
- Former CM Hemant Soren had **launched Abua Awas (housing) Yojana** on 15th November 2023 to **provide houses to the homeless** and those who were deprived of the benefit under [the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana \(PMAY\)](#).
 - The scheme also includes **provisions for assistance to build toilets** under [the Swachh Bharat Mission Rural](#) or through the convergence of other dedicated sources.

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)

- It is a government initiative that **aims to provide affordable houses to the urban poor** keeping a target of building 2 crore (20 million) houses by 2024.
- The **two basic components of the scheme are**:
 - **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Urban (PMAY-U)** looks into the housing requisites of poor urban people. The urban poor has been categorised into three sectors, which depend upon the annual household income:
 - (i) Economically Weaker Section (EWS), (ii) Low-income Group (LIG) (iii) Middle Income Group (MIG). Additionally, the slum dwellers within the urban population can also apply to the scheme.
 - **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Rural (PMAY-R)** has been brought in to help economically weak families living in rural India become property owners. The residences in such rural areas will have all the required basic facilities such as electricity, clean water, a well-developed sewage system, a sanitation facility, etc.

Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin (SBM-G)

- It was **launched in 2014 by the Ministry of Jal Shakti** to accelerate the efforts to achieve universal sanitation coverage and to put focus on sanitation.
- The mission was implemented as a nation-wide campaign/Jan Andolan which aimed at eliminating open defecation in rural areas.

Abua Awas Yojana (AAJ)

- Under this scheme, the state government will provide housing to the needy people from its own fund by spending more than Rs 15,000 crore in the next two years.

- Three room houses will be provided to the poor, deprived, labourers, farmers, tribals, backward and Dalits.

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