

Decisions taken by the Union Cabinet

- **Cabinet approves enhancement of Honorarium to Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) and Performance Linked Incentive to AWHs Under Anganwadi Services (Umbrella ICDS Scheme)**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved enhancement of honorarium to Anganwadi Workers/Anganwadi Helpers (AWWs/AWHs) and performance linked incentive to AWHs [Umbrella Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme] with a total cost of Rs. 10,649.41 crore (Gol Share) for the period from 01.10.2018 to 31.03.2020.

Nearly 27 lakh AWWs/AWHs will be benefitted by the approval. Anganwadi Services (Umbrella ICDS) is a universal scheme and beneficiaries are spread all over the country at AWC/village level.

Details:

The proposals approved consist of the following:

Name of Functionary	Old Rates p.m.	Revised Rates p.m.
Anganwadi Worker	Rs.3,000/-	Rs.4,500/-
Anganwadi Worker at Mini-AWC	Rs.2,250/-	Rs.3,500/-

Anganwadi Helper	Rs.1,500/-	Rs.2,250/- (*)
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(*) In addition, monthly performance linked incentive of Rs.250/- has also been approved for Anganwadi Helpers for facilitating proper functioning of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs).

Impact:

The programme through targeted interventions will strive to reduce the level of malnutrition, anemia and low birth weight babies, ensure empowerment of adolescent girls, provide protection to the children who are in conflict with law, provide safe place for day-care to children of working mothers, create synergy, ensure better monitoring, issue negative alerts for timely action, encourage States/UTs to perform, guide and supervise line Ministries and States/UTs to achieve the targeted goals and bring more transparency.

Financial Implications:

The details of expenditure for the period from 1st October, 2018 to 31st March 2020 for payment of honorarium to AWWs/AWHs and performance linked incentives to AWHs are as under:

(Rupees in crore)

Name of the Components	2018-19 (6 months)	2019-20	Total
Honorarium to AWWs	2182.63	4365.27	6547.90
Honorarium to Mini-AWWs	154.60	309.19	463.79
Honorarium to AWHs	1212.57	2425.15	3637.72
Total	3549.8	7099.61	10649.41

- **Cabinet approves equity infusion of RCF in Talcher Fertilizers Ltd.**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the proposal of the Department of Fertilizers for equity investment of Rs.1033.54 crore (±) @ 29.67% of the total project cost for setting up a Coal Gasification based fertilizer project in Talcher Fertilizer Ltd. (TFL) by Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Limited (RCF).

The revival of the Talcher project will ensure huge investment in the fertilizer sector from the Government through PSUs. This will create job opportunities and also boost the economy of the State and the eastern region. The revival of the fertilizer unit will also ensure increase in indigenous production of urea leading to greater self-reliance in urea.

- **Cabinet approves Indore (Mangaliyagaon) — Budni New Line (205.5 Km) with Electrification**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved to construct new line between Budni to Indore (Mangaliyagaon) with approximate length of 205.5 Km. Total estimated cost of this project is Rs. 3261.82 crore.

The main purpose of this project is the development of backward area and reduction in travel time from Indore to Jabalpur as well as from Indore to Mumbai and towards southern side also, as this will reduce distance by 68 Kms compared to present available route via Bhopal. It will provide better transport facilities for public and industries in this area. It will also help to provide/generate employment opportunities in the project area. The project will generate direct employment during construction for about 49.32 Lakhs man-days.

The proposed line will take off from existing yard of Budni and will connect at Mangaliyagaon existing station of Western Railway near Indore. 10 New crossing stations and 7 new halt stations are proposed to be constructed enroute. The new line will serve Sehore, Dewas and Indore districts and will provide direct link from Budni to Indore bypassing the congested route of Bhopal-Itarsi including Ghat section from Budni to Berkheda.

The new line will provide basic infrastructure support for industrial development of the surrounding area having large socio-economic ramifications. This project is meant for development of backward area of this region and to provide connectivity to various towns/villages like Nasrullaganj, Khategoan and Kannod, where presently there is no railway

connectivity.

- **Cabinet approves ASHA Benefit Package**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given its ex-post facto approval to ASHA Benefit Package w.e.f. October, 2018 (to be paid in November, 2018) with two components as under: -

- i. ASHAs and ASHA facilitators meeting the eligibility criteria to be enrolled in social security schemes implemented by Government of India namely, the Pradhan MantriJeevanJyotiBimaYojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha BimaYojana.
- ii. An increase in the amount of routine and recurring incentives under National Health Mission for ASHAs under NHM from Rs. 1000/- per month to Rs. 2000/-per month.

The package entails an expenditure (Central funding) to Rs.1224.97 crore for two years 2018-19 and 2019-20.

No of beneficiaries:

- Estimated 1,06,36,701(One crore six lakh thirty six thousand seven hundred one) ASHAS and ASHA facilitators to be covered under Pradhan MantriJeevanJyotiBimaYojana.
- Estimated 9,57,303 (Nine lakh fifty seven thousand three hundred three) ASHAS and ASHA facilitators to be covered under Pradhan Mantri Suraksha BimaYojana.
- Estimated 10,22,265 (Ten lakh twenty two thousand two hundred sixty five) ASHAs will get at least minimum of Rs 2000/- per month from current Rs1000/- for routine activities.

Details:

- ASHAs and ASHA Facilitators to be covered under Pradhan Mantri Suraksha BimaYojana (Life Insurance). The eligibility criteria are 18-70 years.Cover is for one-year period stretching from 1st June to 31st May and benefit is as under:–

- i. Rs. 2 Lakh in case of death due to accident
- ii. Rs. 2 Lakh in case of total and irrecoverable loss of both eyes or loss of use of both hands or feet or loss of sight of one eye and loss of use of one hand or one foot
- iii. Rs. 1 Lakh in case of total and irrecoverable loss of sight of one eye or loss of use of one hand or one foot

The annual Premium of Rs 12 per beneficiary will be paid by Central Government.

ASHAs and ASHA Facilitators meeting the age criteria of 18-50 years to be covered under Pradhan MantriJeevanJyotiBimaYojana (Accident insurance). The annual premium of Rs. 330 (average) will be paid by the Central Government. Cover is for one-year period stretching from 1st June to 31st May and benefit is Rs 2 Lakh in case of death due to any cause.

ASHAs will get a minimum of Rs.2000/- per month from current Rs 1000/- per month as incentives for routine activities. **This is in addition to other task based incentives approved at Central/State level.**

Implementation Strategy and Targets:

- The existing institutional mechanisms for the National Health Mission would be utilised to implement the proposed ASHA Benefit package.

Targets:

- **By 31st March 2019**- 65 % of ASHAs and ASHA facilitators to be enrolled in social security schemes implemented by Government of India namely, the Pradhan MantriJeevanJyotiBimaYojana and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha BimaYojana
- **By 30th October, 2019**-100 % of ASHAs and ASHA facilitators to be enrolled in social security schemes implemented by Government of India namely, the Pradhan MantriJeevanJyotiBima and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha BimaYojana
- The increase in the amount of routine and recurring incentives for ASHAs from Rs. 1000 per month to Rs. 2000 per month would be with effect from October 2018 (to be paid in November, 2018).

- **Cabinet approves Revised Cost Estimate of Dam rehabilitation and Improvement Project**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the Revised Cost Estimate of Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) at the revised cost of Rs 3466 crore with the financial assistance of the World Bank to improve safety and operational performance of 198 Dams, along with institutional strengthening with system wide management approach. Out of Rs.3,466 crore, Rs.2,628 crore will be funded by the World Bank and Rs.747 crore will be funded by DRIP States / Implementing Agencies (IAs) and balance Rs.91 crore to be funded by Central Water Commission (CWC).

The CCEA also gave its ex-post facto approval for two-year time extension from 1st July, 2018 to 30th June, 2020.

Impact:

The project will improve the safety and operational performance of selected existing dams and mitigate risks to ensure safety of downstream population and property. The primary beneficiaries are both urban and rural communities dependent on reservoir and downstream communities, who are prone to risk associated with dam failure or operational failure. Further, through institutional strengthening component, effectiveness of Dam Safety Organisations will be increased to take the lead to make dams safe from structural and operational point of view through capacity building of staff and officials.

Details:

DRIP envisages following objectives: -

- a) Component-I: - Rehabilitation of Dam and its Appurtenant Structures,
- b) Component-II: - Institutional Strengthening and
- c) Component-III: - Project Management.

The Scheme envisages comprehensive rehabilitation of 198 existing dam projects located in seven states of India namely, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Jharkhand (Damodar Valley Corporation) and

Uttarakhand (Uttarakhand Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited).

Numbers of dams with initial and revised cost submitted by Implementing Agencies are as follows:

Implementing Agency	No. of Project Dams	Total Initial Project Cost (Rs Crore)	Total Project Revised Cost (Rs Crore)
Madhya Pradesh WRD	25	315	169
Odisha WRD	26	148	751
Tamil Nadu WRD	69	486	543
TANGEDCO	20	260	260
Kerala WRD	16	158	360
KSEB	12	122	154
CWC	-	132	270
Karnataka WRD	22	276	581
UJVNL	5	64	235
DVC	3	139	143
Total Cost (in Rs Crore)	198	2100	3466

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