

(IPR) The Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana PMAY (Grameen) for the state of Sikkim was officially launched today at a function held at Janata Bhawan, Gangtok. Minister for Rural Management & Development Department Mr. S.B. Subedi launched the programme by handing over sanction letters to beneficiaries falling under Pakyong sub-division. A total of 40 beneficiaries from all four districts were handed over sanction letters for the first phase of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Grameen for Sikkim.

Minister Mr. Subedi in his address congratulated the beneficiaries and urged the concerned ADC (Development), BDOs and the beneficiaries themselves to ensure that the houses are completed on the stipulated time, preferably within three months from today. He called for strict vigil to ensure that all the guidelines for the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana are incorporated.

Secretary RM&DD, Mr. D.R. Nepal while terming the launching of PMAY-Grameen as historic called for implementation of the programme on mission mode as per the targets envisaged. He stated that the progress of the works will be monitored every fortnightly by the Ministry of Rural Development as well as the Prime Minister's Office. He thus called for expeditious action on ground to ensure that the houses are completed on time and that there is no diversion or duplication with other housing schemes. He urged all the ADCs (Development) and BDOs to strictly monitor the progress on ground and timely submission of progress report.

Earlier, Special Secretary-cum-Mission Director PMAY (Grameen), Dr. Senthil Kumar delivered the welcome address and presented a detailed report on PMAY (Grameen) - its plan, strategy, present status, roadmap and targets. In his presentation he touched upon aspects like selection of beneficiaries, types of designs, installment breakup, convergence etc.

It was informed during the programme that the cost of each house would be Rs.1.3 lakh. However, the houses would be built in convergence with MGNREGA for land, labour and construction of toilets, DDUGIY for supply of electricity, SREDA for street lamps, and NRDWP for water supply.

It was further informed that four essential components viz, water supply, electricity, hygienic kitchen space and minimum floor size were to be fulfilled for implementation of PMAY.

The programme was also addressed by Special Secretary-cum-Mission Director Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen), Mr. Anil Raj Rai.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Deputy Secretary RM&DD, Mrs. Anupa Tamling.