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Subject: Minutes of the 5th Project Approval Board (PAB) Meeting of PM-USHA

The undersigned is directed to forward the Minutes of the 5th Meeting of Project Approval Board (PAB) under Pradhan Mantri Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) held on 24th April, 2026 at Banquet Hall, 3rd Floor, The Ashok Hotel, New Delhi held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Higher Education) Education.

Encl.: Minutes,

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Minutes of 5th PAB Meeting of PM-USHA

The 5th meeting of the PM-USHA Project Approval Board (PAB) was held on 24th April, 2026 at 01:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Dr. Vineet Joshi, Secretary (Higher Education), Ministry of Education. The list of participants who attended the meeting is placed at **Annexure- 1**.

At the outset, Shri. Armstrong Pame, Joint Secretary (RUSA), welcomed all PAB members and participants from the States/UTs. Joint Secretary (RUSA) shared that, in view of the timelines of 30.09.2026 for RUSA projects and 31.03.2028 for PM-USHA projects, the meeting would focus on reviewing projects approved under the schemes and addressing the challenges faced by States/UTs in their implementation.

Before coming to the agenda points, the minutes of the 4th PAB Meeting of PM-USHA was ratified by the PAB.

The item-wise agenda was presented by Joint Secretary (RUSA) before the PAB for further deliberation and decision.

The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

Item No. 1: Progress under RUSA 1 and 2

The status of ongoing projects vis-à-vis the committed liabilities of projects approved under RUSA 1.0 and 2.0 was reviewed.

It was noted that, under RUSA 1.0, the States of Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha, and under RUSA 2.0, the States of West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, and Telangana have the maximum central share committed liabilities. The challenges faced by these States/UTs, along with the action plans formulated by them for timely completion of the projects before 30.09.2026, were discussed.

Further, it was also observed that there were 449 projects that had physical progress within 91%-100%.

Decision of PAB:

Based on the justification given by the States/ UTs during the meeting, the following decisions were taken by the PAB:

- i. The States/UTs having projects in the range of 91%–100% physical progress were directed to expedite their progress and ensure their completion, in all manner, by 31st May, 2026, and their completion status may be updated in the May Monthly Progress Report on the PM-USHA Portal; failing which, the projects will be considered as completed and will be automatically locked on the portal.**
- ii. With regard to the remaining projects with physical progress below 91%, the States/UTs were directed to expedite implementation and accelerate the**

expenditure, and ensure their completion before 30.09.2026, beyond which no further extension of the timeline shall be allowed.

Item No. 1.1: Review of projects approved under the components Erstwhile Model Degree College (EMDC)/New Model Degree College (NMDC)/New Colleges (Professional & Technical) (NPC)

It was noted that out of 207 approved projects under the Erstwhile Model Degree Colleges (EMDC) (45), New Colleges (Professional & Technical) (NPC) (33), and New Model Degree Colleges (NMDC) (129) components, only 111 have been completed and are functional.

Further, it was observed that 8 projects (as per the Monthly Progress Reports) are likely to become functional only after the academic year 2026–27. The reasons for these delays were deliberated upon.

Decision of PAB:

Based on the discussions, the following decisions were taken:

i. Concerned States/UTs (except Bihar, where two projects commenced late) were directed to ensure that the remaining projects should commence classes in the current academic year.

ii. Manipur was permitted to operationalize the Government Engineering College, Thoubal, as an extension campus of Manipur Technical University for time being on temporary basis. Resources from the university will be utilized to make the college functional in the academic session 2026–27.

Senior Specialist - Higher Education, NITI Aayog supported this approach and further suggested that, from the next academic year onward, the college should develop its own student base and faculty rather than relying on Manipur Technical University.

Similar to the above, in cases involving pending AICTE approvals or delays in recruitment, States/UTs were encouraged to initiate professional courses in collaboration with existing State Universities for time being on temporary basis so as to operationalize colleges under the NPC component in the academic year 2026–27.

Item No. 1.2: Review of projects approved for total amount of Rs. 50-100 Crores

Of the 45 approved projects with a total approved amount of Rs. 50 Cr. and above, 37 are ongoing– Enhancing Quality and Excellence in select State Universities (10 units), Creation of Universities by Conversion of Colleges in a Cluster (4 units), Creation of Universities by way of Upgradation of Existing Autonomous Colleges (4 units) and Research Innovation & Quality Improvement (19 units) and it was noted that about 50% of the committed liability of entire RUSA projects is concentrated with these components.

Decision of PAB: In respect of all the 37 projects, States/UTs were directed to expedite project implementation and accelerate pace of expenditure to ensure completion and

full utilization of committed liabilities before 30.09.2026. No extension beyond this timeline shall be considered.

Senior Specialist - Higher Education, NITI Aayog recommended that for projects with an approved cost of Rs. 50 crore and above, a detailed roadmap along with timelines may be sought to enable effective monitoring, as these account for approximately 40% of the total scheme outlay.

In view of the above suggestion, the States/UTs were requested to undertake comprehensive consultations with the Executing and Implementing Agencies and subsequently furnish detailed milestones on monthly basis to achieve 100% physical progress of projects, ensuring their completion before 30th September, 2026. They were further advised to expedite project implementation and accelerate expenditure to ensure that the projects are completed by 30.09.2026.

Item No. 1.3: Review of utilization of Preparatory Grants (Institutional Restructuring and reforms) under RUSA 2.0

The Progress made by the States/ UTs approved Preparatory Grants under RUSA 2.0 were reviewed and deliberated upon. The status of the progress made by the States was not found satisfactory and it was noted that 19 out of the 24 units approved had physical progress below 50%.

Decision of PAB: In view of the timeline of 30.09.2026 for the completion of all RUSA projects, the directions issued during the 4th PAB Meeting of PM-USHA regarding Preparatory Grants under RUSA 2.0 were reiterated, and the States/UTs were directed to expedite the utilization of funds approved under these grants. They were advised to undertake activities aligned with the objectives of NEP 2020 that can be implemented swiftly, such as the enhancement of laboratory equipment, procurement of digital boards, and the organization of innovative workshops.

Item No. 2: Requests from States/UTs regarding projects approved under RUSA.

Item No. 2.1: Request for Permission of Utilization of Balance amount for Cluster University, Mandi in Himanchal Pradesh

The request of the State of Himachal Pradesh towards permission to utilize the balance amount of Rs. 12.68 Crore towards settlement of pending liabilities and adjustment of expenditure incurred under the project was deliberated upon.

It was noted that the Cluster University, Mandi was established and remained functional for approximately 3 years, but could not effectively work because of the hilly terrain of the State. Further, the assets and liabilities of the then Cluster University have been transferred to the newly established Sardar Patel University under which the constituent colleges of the Cluster University are affiliated.

In view of the fact that the expenditure of Rs. 12.68 Crore was incurred for the establishment of the Cluster University, Mandi which was operational for 3 years but could not continue effectively considering the difficult terrain of the State of Himachal Pradesh, the request of the State was placed before the PAB for consideration.

Decision of PAB: The PAB approved the request of the State and allowed it to utilize the balance amount of Rs. 12.68 Crore towards settlement of pending liabilities and adjustment of expenditure incurred under the project.

Item No. 2.2.: Request for Closure RUSA 1.0 Project in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh

The request of the UT of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh for reconsideration of the decision of the PAB in its 4th meeting of PM-USHA pertaining to the cancelation of the projects approved under Vocationalisation of Higher Education component was deliberated upon.

Decision of PAB: In view of the fact that the central share amount of Rs. 0.5775 crore and Rs. 0.076 crore utilized by the UTs of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh were utilized for the approved purposes of the component, the request of the UTs for closure instead of cancelation were approved by the PAB.

Item No 2.3.: Requests of Approval from Odisha

The request of the State of Odisha regarding (i) utilization of Central Share funds amounting to Rs. 27.30 crore approved for 5 NMDCs under RUSA 2.0, and (ii) utilization of Rs. 38.43 crore approved under the “Creation of Universities by Conversion of Colleges in a Cluster” component of RUSA 1.0, was deliberated upon.

The five NMDCs approved under RUSA 2.0 have been established and the funds fully utilized. However, as per the State Government’s decision, these institutions were made functional under the Skill Development & Technical Education Department to cater to local needs that deviated from the intended purpose under the scheme. However, in view of the objective of RUSA for improving the quality and equity of higher education, the State’s request to utilize Rs. 27.30 crore—rather than remitting the Central share to the CFI—for strengthening 11 identified Government/Government-aided HEIs was placed before the PAB for consideration.

Further, Khalikote Cluster University, established in 2015 under the “Creation of Universities by Conversion of Colleges in a Cluster” component of RUSA 1.0, was dissolved after the lead college was converted into a Unitary University in 2020 by the State Government. However, in view of the objective of RUSA for improving the quality and equity of higher education, the State’s proposal to utilize the remaining Rs. 38.43 Cr. (balance total approved amount) for strengthening 12 identified Government/Government-aided HEIs, in lieu of Khalikote Cluster University, Berhampur, was placed before the PAB for consideration.

Decision of PAB: Based on the deliberations held in the meeting, the PAB approved the proposal of the State.

Item No. 3: Status of Updation of Monthly Progress Report (MPR) for RUSA and PM-USHA on the PM-USHA Portal

The status of updation of Monthly Progress Report (MPR) for RUSA/ PM-USHA was reviewed.

It was observed that 12 States/ UTs have updated the RUSA MPR consistently in last FY.

For PM-USHA projects, it was noted that 14 projects from Andaman & Nicobar Islands (3), Haryana (5), Kerala (2) and Madhya Pradesh (4) have not updated the portal once.

Decision of PAB: Considering that data updated in the Monthly Progress Report (MPR) is frequently used for Parliament questions, status notes, audit inputs, and other official purposes, its reliability depends on the accuracy and consistency of the information provided by States/UTs. Accordingly, States/UTs were requested to ensure accurate and consistent updating of the MPR to enable reliable project monitoring. They were further advised to report physical progress based on the overall project status, rather than on the basis of funds released or utilized by HEIs.

Senior Specialist - Higher Education, NITI Aayog recommended that, submission of Monthly Progress Reports may be made a pre-requisite for release of funds to ensure real-time monitoring.

Item No. 4: Request for cancellation from Gujarat and Haryana for 1 college each approved under Grants to Strengthen Colleges (GSC) component of PM USHA.

Based on the requests and the justifications furnished thereto, the following projects approved in the 2nd PAB meeting of PM-USHA under Grants to Strengthen Colleges (GSC) component were placed before the PAB for cancellation:

- i. Bhaktraj Dada Khachar Arts & Commerce College, Gadhada, Botad (C-47839), Gujarat
- ii. Government College, Barota (Sonipat) (C-58228), Haryana

Further, based on requests received from States/UTs in various meetings and considering their specific needs for strengthening higher education infrastructure and other facilities in line with the vision of NEP 2020, the following two colleges, which could not be considered in earlier PABs, were placed before the PAB for approval:

- i. Govt. Degree College Gurez, Bandipora, Jammu & Kashmir
- ii. Hills College, Tadubi Senapati District, Manipur

Additionally, to facilitate the timely processing of requests from States/UTs for the cancellation and approval of projects, and to ensure the timely initiation of works, it was proposed that the Ministry be authorized to take such decisions with the approval of the Secretary (HE) and Chairperson, PAB, and subsequently place them before the PAB for ratification.

Decision: of PAB: Based on the deliberations held in the meeting, the PAB approved the following:

i. Cancellation of Bhaktraj Dada Khachar Arts & Commerce College, Gadhada, Botad (C-47839), Gujarat and Government College, Barota (Sonipat) (C-58228), Haryana approved under PM-USHA.

ii. Approval of Govt. Degree College Gurez, Bandipora, Jammu & Kashmir (C-21437) and Hills College, Tadubi Senapati District, Manipur under Grants to Strengthen Colleges (GSC) component of PM-USHA.

iii. The proposal of the Ministry to process future requests from States/UTs for the cancellation and approval of projects, with the approval of the Secretary (HE) and Chairperson, PAB and conveying the States to initiate the work and then later place such decisions before the PAB for ratification.

Item No. 5: Review of projects approved under the components of PM-USHA

The progress made by the States/UTs under PM-USHA was reviewed, and the committed liabilities under various components was deliberated upon.

Considering the timelines for completion of all PM-USHA projects, it was noted that all the 613 approved projects are ongoing, with a total central share committed liability of Rs. 4860.46 Cr. (Rs. 4780.16 Cr. + CS MMER Rs 80.30 Cr.). The challenges faced by these States/UTs, along with the action plans formulated by them for timely completion of the projects before 31.03.2028, were discussed.

Decision of PAB: The States/UTs were requested to undertake comprehensive consultations with the Executing and Implementing Agencies and subsequently furnish quarterly milestones for the next two financial years (2026–27 and 2027–28) to achieve 100% physical progress of projects, ensuring their completion before 31st March, 2028. They were further advised to expedite project implementation and accelerate expenditure to ensure all projects are completed by 31.03.2028.

Item No. 6 Projects approved under various components of PM-USHA

Item No. 6.1: Multi-Disciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERU)

Given the substantial Central Share committed liability of Rs.2054.72 Cr. under the MERU component, it was noted that 6 projects have incurred zero expenditure, 5 projects have made no physical progress, and 1 project has not yet started.

The status of projects with zero expenditure was deliberated upon, and the following was informed by the States/UTs:

i. The State of Bihar apprised the PAB that both MERUs—Lalit Narayan Mithila University, Darbhanga and Patna University, Patna—have incurred expenditure; however, the bills are yet to be cleared.

ii. In respect of Saurashtra University, Rajkot (Gujarat) and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad (Maharashtra), the concerned States informed that progress has been made and expenditure incurred, but the same has not been reported on the MPR.

iii. For Ravenshaw University, the State of Odisha informed that the project was not yet started due to some administrative issues in the University. However, the State has assured that works will be initiated at the earliest.

Decision of PAB: The States/UTs were directed to expedite project implementation and the pace of expenditure to ensure completion by 31.03.2028.

Senior Specialist - Higher Education, NITI Aayog: In view of the high committed liability under this component, it was recommended that quarterly or half-yearly action plans/implementation roadmaps be obtained from the universities and regularly monitored. This would facilitate real-time tracking and improve fund utilization within the stipulated timeline.

Based on the above recommendation, the States/UTs were directed by the PAB to furnish quarterly implementation roadmaps on or before 31st May, 2026. These implementation roadmaps shall be monitored by the Ministry.

Item No. 6.2: Grants to Strengthen Universities (GSU) Component

Given the Central Share committed liability of Rs.853.73 Cr., it was noted that 31 projects have incurred zero expenditure, 16 projects have made no physical progress, and 11 projects have not yet started.

The status of projects with zero expenditure was deliberated upon. Based on inputs from States/UTs, it was observed that in several cases (e.g., Vikram Simhapuri University, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh; Cotton University, Assam), expenditure had been incurred but not reported on the MPR. In other cases (e.g., Jai Prakash Vishwavidyalaya, Bihar; Nalanda Open University, Patna, Bihar), progress had been made and expenditure incurred, but bills were under process and therefore not reflected on the MPR.

Decision of PAB: States/UTs were directed to expedite project implementation and expenditure to ensure completion by 31.03.2028 and to furnish quarterly implementation roadmaps on or before 31st May, 2026. These implementation roadmaps shall be monitored by the Ministry.

It was further observed that inaccuracies in MPR reporting were leading to an incorrect representation of project status. States/UTs were therefore advised to ensure accurate and timely updating of the MPR.

Item No. 6.3: Grants to Strengthen Colleges (GSC) Component

Given the Central Share committed liability of Rs.1051.73 Cr., it was noted that 110 projects have incurred zero expenditure, 41 projects have made no physical progress, and 28 projects have not yet started.

The status of projects with zero expenditure was deliberated upon, and the following was noted:

- i. The UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands informed that estimates have been received from the PWD and projects are expected to commence by June 2026.
- ii. The State of Gujarat informed that delays in the case of Smt. V.P. Kapadia Mahila Arts College, Bhavnagar (C-7188) were due to land-related issues.

Decision of PAB:

Based on the deliberations held in the meeting, the following decision were taken by the PAB:

- i. States/UTs were directed to expedite progress and pace of expenditure to ensure completion by 31.03.2028.**
- ii. The State of Gujarat was directed to resolve the land issue Smt. V.P. Kapadia Mahila Arts College, Bhavnagar (C-7188) at the earliest, failing which it may propose relocation or cancellation of the project.**
- iii. The State of Haryana was requested to furnish a status report on projects under this component.**

Item No. 6.4: New Model Degree Colleges (NMDC) Component

It was observed that 5 projects have incurred zero expenditure, 2 projects have made no physical progress, and 6 projects have not yet started.

Based on deliberations, the following was noted:

- i. The State of Manipur informed that work has commenced in NMDC, Pherzawl, and activities in NMDC, Kamjong will begin within a month.
- ii. The State of Meghalaya informed that work has commenced in both NMDCs (East Jaintia Hills and West Khasi Hills).
- iii. The State of Nagaland informed that DPRs for 4 NMDCs are under approval at the Chief Engineer's Office and are expected to be approved in the month May, 2026, with work likely to commence by July 2026.

Decision of PAB: Based on the deliberations held in the meeting, the following decision were taken by the PAB:

- i. The State of Manipur shall ensure initiation of all works under NMDC Kamjong by end of June 2026.**

ii. The State of Nagaland shall secure DPR approval by May 2026 and commence work by July 2026, failing which it will be presumed that the State is not willing to proceed with the projects.

Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor (JS&FA) advised that to ensure completion within the stipulated period, timelines be obtained for each project and progress be reviewed in the next PAB meeting.

Senior Specialist - Higher Education, NITI Aayog emphasized that projects should be undertaken only after proper feasibility assessment to avoid delays, partial execution, and underutilization of funds.

In view of the above, the PAB agreed to obtain project-wise timelines under PM-USHA and monitor progress to ensure completion by 31.03.2028.

Item No. 6.5: Gender Inclusion and Equity Initiatives (GIEI) Component

The status of projects approved under the GIEI component was reviewed. It was observed that 48 projects have incurred zero expenditure, 34 projects have made no physical progress, and 26 projects have not yet started.

Decision of PAB: The States/UTs were requested to accelerate implementation and expenditure to ensure completion by 31.03.2028. The PAB emphasized the flexibility available under this component and encouraged States/UTs to undertake activities such as training workshops in emerging areas like semiconductors and artificial intelligence, in alignment with the objectives of NEP 2020.

Senior Specialist - Higher Education, NITI Aayog recommended appointment of women officers to lead the GIEI component may be considered, given their potential to drive transformative change.

Item No. 7: Request from States/UTs for modification in the already approved DPRs under PM-USHA

Based on the requests of various States/ UTs and justifications furnished thereto, the modification in the already approved DPRs under PM-USHA were placed before the PAB for its ratification.

Decision of PAB: After considering the justifications furnished by the States/UTs, and subject to the condition that all modifications remain within the approved cost and that any additional expenditure, if incurred beyond the approved amount, shall be borne by the institution or the State Government, the PAB approved the requests of the States of Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh.

The State of Himachal Pradesh was directed to submit a detailed justification on or before 15th May, 2026 for the proposed DPR modification, clearly indicating the additions, deletions, and alterations in project components for further consideration and approval.

Further, it was decided that, in future, institutions may undertake minor modifications and update the same on the portal along with the approval of the Head of the Institution and a proper covering letter detailing the changes and their justification, while duly informing the State/UT authorities and the Ministry. However, given that the scheme is already in its extended phase, States/UTs were discouraged to make changes in the approved DPRs and instead focus on timely completion of the projects within the stipulated timelines.

Item No. 8: Review of Expenditure Incurred under RUSA/PM-USHA

Considering the Budget Estimate of Rs. 1,850 crore for the financial year 2026–27, along with the central share committed liabilities of Rs. 1,463.15 crore under RUSA and Rs.4,780.16 crore under PM-USHA, and the stipulated completion timelines of 30.09.2026 and 31.03.2028 respectively, the pace of implementation and expenditure to be incurred by the States/UTs was deliberated upon.

Decision of PAB: Based on the deliberations held in the meeting, the States/ UTs were directed to accelerate both the pace of implementation and expenditure and ensure timely completion and full utilisation of the committed liability under all RUSA projects by 30.09.2026, along with significant progress under PM-USHA. This would result in utilisation of 90% of the Budget Estimate by the said date and facilitate the Ministry in seeking more funds at the RE stage.

Senior Specialist - Higher Education, NITI Aayog recommended that:

- i. regional workshops may be organized for capacity building of State officials and officials of State HEIs to enhance their ability to effectively absorb and utilize funds.**
- ii. release of funds to States/UTs may be linked to completion of the faculty recruitment process; if not feasible in the current phase, the same may be considered in the next phase of the scheme.**

Item No. 9: Status of remittance of unspent balances, and closure of SNA accounts

It was noted that, of the 30 States/UTs onboarded on SNA SPARSH, only Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Telangana, and Uttarakhand have completed the unspent balance process, including closure of the SNA account. Further, four States/UTs—Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, and Tamil Nadu—have completed verification and remittance; however, closure of the SNA account is still pending. The status of the remaining States/UTs that have not completed the verification process was deliberated upon.

Decision of PAB: The remaining 18 States/UTs were directed to complete the unspent balance verification process before 31st May, 2026, without further delay.

Item No. 10: Status of submission of Audited UCs till F.Y. 2024-25

The status of submission of Audited Utilisation Certificates (UCs) up to FY 2024–25 and Provisional UCs for FY 2025–26 by the States/UTs was reviewed.

It was observed that only seven States/UTs—Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh—have submitted audited UCs for the last three financial years up to 2024–25.

Further, the possibility of issuing a Mother Sanction equivalent to the State Budget Allocation (SBA) for improved planning and utilisation of funds, subject to submission of Audited UCs for FY 2024–25 and Provisional UCs for FY 2025–26 by all States/UTs, was discussed.

Decision of the PAB:

Based on the deliberations, the States/UTs were directed to submit Audited UCs up to FY 2024–25 and Provisional UCs for FY 2025–26 by 10th May, 2026.

Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor (JS&FA) emphasized that Audited UC for FY 2024–25 should have been furnished by the States/UTs during the previous financial year, prior to the release of the final instalment for that year.

Item No. 11: Innovative Initiatives taken by Ministry as per NEP 2020

The PAB was apprised of various initiatives undertaken under the scheme by the Ministry, with minimal financial support to RUSA/PM-USHA beneficiary institutions by utilizing the central share of MMER. The various initiatives include Innovation Mahakumbh and workshops on Agentic AI, Drone Technology, Semiconductors, etc., aimed at equipping students with 21st-century skills in collaboration with organisations such as Capabl India, AVPL International, IIT Madras, among others.

Decision of PAB: The States/UTs were encouraged to undertake similar initiatives to enhance the skills of the students and to improve their employability. It was further informed that the Ministry shall help the States/ UTs in organizing such events and would provide financial support (if required) within a permissible limit from its Central Share MMER.

Item No. 12: Any other item with the permission of the Chair

Item No. 12.1: Output Outcome Monitoring Framework Module in PM-USHA Portal:

The output outcome achievement against the targets proposed by the projects approved under PM-USHA are monitored on a quarterly basis by the Ministry and is also furnished to NITI Aayog. For this purpose, an Output Outcome Monitoring Module have been developed in the PM-USHA portal in which the HEIs are supposed to update their quarterly targets in the beginning of every FY and update the achievement at the end of each quarter.

The States/ UTs are requested to ensure that the HEIs update the data accurately and consistently.

Note: *With regard to the figures indicated in the Annexures to the Agenda, it is stated that based on the data furnished by the States/UTs/PM-USHA approved institutions in the MPR on the PM-USHA Portal, the Committed Liability in respect of ongoing projects has been calculated as the difference between the Central Share Approved and the Central Share Utilized, instead of the difference between the Central Share Approved and the Central Share Released, for the following reasons:*

- i. In respect of SNA/SNA-SPARSH States/UTs, the child drawing limits for Implementing Agencies (IAs) have been reflected as the released amount, whereas the utilized amount corresponds to actual bills submitted.*
- ii. In certain instances, States/UTs/PM-USHA approved institutions have reported the Central Share Released as the value of bills raised, while the Central Share Utilized reflects the utilization reported by the institutions.*

It is further clarified that, in all such cases, fund releases shall be made against the Central Share Approved and the actual Central share committed liability within the stipulated timeline.

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