



Government of West Bengal  
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**Minutes of the meeting on Annapurna Yojana on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2026 at 11 A.M -  
2:30 P.M.**

A review meeting on Annapurna Yojana (post benefit distribution) was chaired by the Secretary, WCD & SW Department Government of West Bengal today. NIC team, Nodal Bank representatives were also present. District Magistrates/ Additional District Magistrates, SDOs, BDOs, Officers of the Commissioner KMC, were present in virtual mode.

The Secretary briefed the present status and thereby sought the questions from the participants regarding the problems being faced by them while processing the applications. DM Murshidabad, ADM S 24 Parganas, Nadia, Malda, Dakshin Dinajpur, DSWO Purulia, Purba Medinipur, Chief Manager HQ, KMC, SDO Rampurhat, Arambag, Coochbehar, BDO Baduria, Kharagpur I, Labpur, Jagatballavpur, Chhatna, Kharagpur, Pedong, Haldia, Amta II, Nabagram, Moyna, Pandua, Patashpur II, Santuri, Matahabhanga II, Ramnagar I, Datan II, Sagar, Raghunathpur II, Khoyrasole flagged different issues and those were clarified. The major issues are as follows:

- Edit option regarding minor name change/AADHAAR change etc. is required.

NIC will provide it at Enquiry Officer and Verifier level by today positively.

- There will be provision in the portal for rejection of beneficiaries later if found ineligible during field enquiry.

Reverted applications will be made available at Enquiry Officer level. NIC will ensure this by 9.7.2026.

- It was asked whether AWWs/AWHs, ASHA Workers, Civic Volunteers, Para teacher etc. will be eligible for Annapurna Yojana. It was informed that since they are engaged in Government Sector and receiving honorarium/remuneration on a monthly basis, their applications may not be approved as of now, till any further order.
- Query was raised regarding the **family members** of Government employees/ Pensioners/ Income Tax payers should be considered or not as the Notification does not mention about the family members. In this regard it is informed that applicants from such families may not be brought under the approved list as of now. Priority should be given to the actual needy and eligible women. In this regard, clarification would be issued.
- BDO Tagda asked about Cinchona plantation workers to be eligible or not. There were queries whether women from families paying GST, having 3 or more rooms, with more than 50 decimals of land will be considered or not.

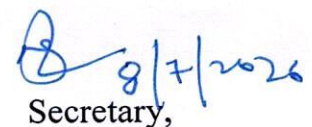
It was clarified that in all such cases, enquiry be done following notification 2411-WCD dated 19.5.2026 only and recommend the cases accordingly.

- Scanning and uploading the page of recommendations of Enquiry Officer is taking a lot of time. It was clarified that this may not be uploaded in portal right now for speedy disposal. However, those must be kept in hard copy with due seal and signature at back end office.
- To sort out the crunch of manpower the district administration should involve the CDPOs, ASHAs and ICDS Workers, Helpers & Supervisors, willing BLOs etc. in conducting enquiries at the field level, against remuneration, which will be informed in due time.
- MIS will be provided by NIC for proper monitoring of digitization, enquiry, verification and approval, - Timeline 9.7.2026.
- Offline applicants are not being able to check their status. Large numbers of applicants are coming to BDO offices. NIC would enable status check option for physical applications entered at offices, by the citizens too within 9.7.2026.
- KMC verifiers will be displayed the ward details in beneficiary lists by NIC.
- For better understanding of technical doubts, NIC will be conducting technical VCs with users facing such problems on daily basis. The google link will be shared in the Annapurna Yojana State group.
- Bank has shared the detailed causes of validation/ payment failures. NIC will reflect the reasons at user levels and with applicants. In this regard, the

ADMs/ SDOs/ BDOs were requested to have meeting with the banks so that each and every reason of failure may be identified and steps may be taken to ensure that payment is credited to her account.

- The SDOs/ BDOs committed that they will follow the deadlines. It was again reiterated that enquiry be done following Notification 2411-WCD dated 19.5.2026. ASDD criteria should be checked thoroughly.
- The Nodal officer for NIC is Sri Sarajit Dey, 9433018788. He may be contacted any time for any technical issue.
- Everyday a google meet will be held to review the progress.
- The BDOs may explore the possibility of opening 'help desk' at the offices/ GP offices to enable the applicants find out about their correct status of applications.
- The exercise of approving the eligible beneficiaries whose applications were received till 30.6.2026 and now under enquiry should be completed by 10.7.2026 so that those who did not receive their payment, may get it at earliest.
- In addition all offline applications should be digitized within 10.7.2026, so that all eligible ones may be provided their July month's entitlement.

The meeting ended with thanks from and to the chair.

  
Secretary,

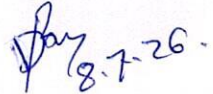
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