

## **SPECIAL COMPONENT PLAN**

### **Introduction**

The Union Territory of Pondicherry consists of four regions, namely, Pondicherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam lying geographically isolated from one another. Pondicherry region which is on the east coast, about 162 kms. south of Chennai is the largest of these and consists of 12 scattered areas interspersed with enclaves of Villupuram district and Cuddalore District of Tamilnadu. Karaikal region is about 150 Kms. south of Pondicherry and it is surrounded by Nagapattinam District of Tamilnadu. Yanam region is located about 840 kms. north east of Pondicherry near Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh. Mahe region lies almost parallel to Pondicherry 653 kms. away on the west coast near Tellicherry in Kerala.

### **Area and Population**

The Union Territory of Pondicherry is 492 sq.kms. in area and has a population of 9,73,829 consisting of 4,86,705 males and 4,87,124 females according to 2001 census. The region-wise breakup is as follows:

### **Scheduled Castes Population**

The Scheduled Castes population is 1,31,278 which is found to be 16.25% of the total population of 8,07,785 of 1991 census. The region-wise break-up is as follows:

<b>Region</b>	<b>S.C. Population</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<u>Pondicherry</u>	1,01,298	16.65
Karaikal	25,817	16.72
Yanam	4,040	19.90
Mahe	123	0.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,31,278</b>	<b>16.25</b>

The details of rural and urban distribution of Scheduled Caste population as per 1991 census are as shown below:

<b>Rural/Urban</b>	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>Scheduled Caste</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Rural	2,90,800	77,727	26.73
Urban	5,16,985	53,551	10.36
Total	8,07,785	1,31,278	16.25

## Industrial Classification (1991 Census)

	Rural		Urban		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Cultivators	725	369	260	29	1,383
Agricultural Labourers	16,794	12,927	3,922	2,135	35,778
Household Industry					
Manufacturing	18	16	48	25	107
Other workers	1,772	401	3,506	1,351	7,030
Marginal workers	224	1,113	184	453	1,974
Non-workers	18,348	23,447	14,091	21,767	77,653
Other than Household					
Industries	705	56	1,829	338	2,928
Construction	77	12	802	192	1,083
Trade and Commerce	336	153	920	260	1,669
Transport , Storage & Communication	98	-	1,355	2	1,455
Mining & Quarry	5	-	11	1	17
Livestock, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting	102	29	59	11	201
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,204</b>	<b>38,523</b>	<b>26,987</b>	<b>26,564</b>	<b>1,31,278</b>

Majority of the Scheduled Castes in this Territory are agricultural labourers and Small/Marginal cultivators. Even in respect of livestock and allied activities their participation is not much. Those who are engaged in trade and commerce are negligible. Hence any programme for development of Scheduled Castes in the Territory should aim at increasing the income level of agricultural labourers and small/marginal cultivators among them and also aim at significantly diversifying their occupation.

### **SCHEDULED TRIBES**

There are no Scheduled Tribes in the Union Territory of Pondicherry according to 1991 Census report.

### **GUIDELINES ON FORMULATION OF SPECIAL COMPONENT PLAN**

The guidelines issued for the formulation of Special Component Plan for the Welfare of Scheduled Castes were communicated to all the sectoral departments and they were advised to earmark outlay under each scheme for Scheduled Castes. Wherever the pattern of expenditure was not amenable to such allocation, the departments were advised to ensure a specific optimal share for the Scheduled Castes in the resultant employment, training and other such benefits of the plan schemes. The observations made from time to time by the Ministry of Welfare and Planning Commission during the discussion on Special Component Plan are taken note of while formulating schemes for the welfare of Scheduled Castes.

Provision of facilities and services in the Scheduled Castes habitations is an important strategy for developing them in the Union Territory. Drinking water, link roads, street lights, sanitation, etc. are the facilities and services to be provided to Scheduled Caste habitations. Schools, health centers, veterinary dispensaries, co-operative societies libraries etc. are opened near their habitations. The location of these facilities improve the status and prestige of Scheduled Castes. To enable the departments to know the location and concentration of SCs in the Territory, a list showing the names of villages/urban wards in the Territory, with total population and Scheduled Caste population according to 1991 Census in the descending order, has been communicated to all departments. This helps the departments in taking suitable decisions for locating public institutions in these habitations (Annexure I may please be perused).

A brief self contained note on Instructions on Special Component Plan was prepared and circulated to all departments/agencies vide Planning and Research Department's circular No.262/2/90-PRD/PO3 dated 19.6.91. This note includes all the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Welfare in a capsule form. The departments are also provided with necessary technical assistance for formulating the schemes for SCs by the Planning Department (Annexure II may please be perused).

Copies of the Working group recommendations on the development and welfare of Scheduled Castes, Prime Minister's letter on formulation of Special Component Plan and Ministry of Welfare's letter on Training and skill development are given in the Annexure III.

## **FUNDS EARMARKED FOR SPECIAL COMPONENT PLAN**

Heads of Departments are first addressed in the month of August/September to send plan proposals for the next Annual Plan indicating actual requirements of funds for ongoing schemes and new schemes with the details of proposed physical targets. Head of the Departments are also asked to earmark funds for the SCs under each divisible schemes. Technical guidance is also given to officers of implementing Departments to earmark funds for development of SCs so that percentage of funds flow to SCs in the overall state plan is in proportion to SC population in this Union Territory.

As per 1991 census SCs account for 16.25% of the total population. Accordingly, it was ensured that the percentage of funds earmarked for SCP was always in proportion to the percentage of SC population in the Union Territory. The allocations under SCP for the Eighth Plan 1992-1997 and Ninth Plan 1997-2002 are as follows :-

**Eighth Plan**

(Rs. in lakhs)

<b>Year</b>	<b>State Plan Outlay</b>	<b>Special Component Plan Outlay</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
1992-1993	9000.00	1447.16	16.08
1993-1994	10800.00	1753.95	16.23
1994-1995	13500.00	2193.96	16.25
1995-1996	17552.00	2852.20	16.25
1996-1997	20066.00	3258.30	16.25

**Ninth Plan**

<b>Year</b>	<b>State Plan Outlay</b>	<b>Special Component Plan Outlay</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
1997-1998	21800.00	3456.67	16.26
1998-1999	26100.00	3256.33	12.52
1999-2000	30080.00	4352.68	14.47
2000-2001	32132.00	4098.03	13.07
2001-2002	35500.00	4646.30	13.09

However, during the Ninth Plan 1997-2002 proportionate allocation could not be made in view of the fact that the lion share of plan funds are spent for capital intensive projects like Gas Power Plant at Karaikal, Share Capital contribution to Anglo French Textile Mill, Cooperative Sugar Mill, Cooperative Spinning Mill, Tail end regulator across river Arasalar, Electronic park, IT Park, Development of port, Construction of office buildings, Construction of civil station at Karaikal, Handloom Development, Development of Tourism etc.,

**MONITORING OF SPECIAL COMPONENT PLAN**

In the Union Territory of Pondicherry, the implementation of Special Component Plan is closely monitored through review meetings under the Chairmanship of the Development Commissioner who is also Secretary (Plg.) in this Union Territory. As a result of close monitoring of schemes implemented under SCP, the percentage of expenditure in this Union Territory was always over 90%. The

details of outlay and actual expenditure under SCP during the last 10 years are given below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Outlay</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>%</b>
1992-93	1447.16	1493.14	103.18
1993-94	1753.95	1648.41	93.98
1994-95	2193.96	2079.99	94.81
1995-96	2852.30	2852.30	100.00
1996-97	3258.30	2937.77	95.00
1997-98	3546.67	2820.97	81.04
1998-99	3268.61	3256.33	99.64
1999-2000	4352.68	4124.18	94.75
2000-2001	3811.33	4487.56	94.75

Being a small Union Territory, feedback is also received through field level officers and through public representatives (MLA's) on the implementation of SCP in this Union Territory and short comings if any are quickly rectified for better utilisation of funds earmarked for development of SCs.

### **Anti Poverty Programme**

District Rural Development Agency has conducted the Below Poverty Line(BPL) census based on the guidelines of the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment, Government of India, for Ninth Plan in this Union Territory. As per the census, there are 63,262 rural families living below the poverty line in this U.T. (Annual income of less then Rs.20,000) of which 22,562 families are SCs.

Similarly the Local Administration Department has conducted the Below Poverty Line(BPL) census in Urban areas based on the guidelines of the Ministry of Urban Areas Development, Government of India. As per the census, there are about 32,872 families living below the poverty line in urban areas (Annual Income of less then Rs.23,000/-) of which 4102 families are SCs. Thus altogether there are 26,664 SCs families living below the poverty line in this Territory and they are covered under Anti-poverty programmes. During the Ninth Five Year Plan 12500 families being below the poverty line has been covered from the various economic programmes. During the Tenth Five Year Plan it is programmed to cover the rest of the 14,164 families in a phased manner.

As far as the Union Territory of Pondicherry is concerned the economic development schemes for development of Scheduled Castes are being implemented by 5 departments/ agencies namely, Agriculture, Industries, Adidravidar Welfare, District Rural Development Agency and Adidravidar Development Corporation.

**Department-wise and year-wise breakup of target and achievement is given below:-**

Departments/ Agency/ Department	1997- 2002 Target	2000-2001		2001- 2002	2002- 2007	2002- 2003
		Target	Achieve- ment	Target	Target Proposed	Target Proposed
D.R.D.A	3000	600	404	600	3664	733
Agriculture	2500	500	536	500	2500	500
Industries	500	100	108	100	500	100
Adi Dravidar Welfare Department	1500	300	316	300	1500	300
Adi Dravidar Development Corporation	5000	1000	1206	1000	6000	1200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12500</b>	<b>2500</b>	<b>2568</b>	<b>2500</b>	<b>14164</b>	<b>2833</b>

### **SPECIAL CENTRAL ASSISTANCE**

Ministry of Welfare, Government of India releases Special Central Assistance (SCA) every year as an additive to Special Component Plan to States/Union Territories from its budget. According to the guidelines, Special Central Assistance should be utilised in conjunction with Special Component Plan for filling the critical gaps and for providing missing inputs on viable schemes for economic development of Scheduled Castes families. The income generating schemes for Scheduled Castes include direct relevant training to back up services and institutional build-up and arrangements for implementation, supervision and evaluation. The scope of the existing Special Central Assistance has been widened to include infrastructural development programmes in blocks having 50% or more Scheduled Caste population subject to the condition that the Special Central Assistance allocation should be made use of in such a way to encourage larger efforts on development of SCs on the part of the States/Union Territories.

During the Eighth Plan 1992-97, and Ninth Plan 1997-2002 Ministry of Welfare released a sum of Rs.245.888 lakh as Special Central Assistance and entire allocation was placed at the disposal of Adidraavidar Development Corporation.

**Year-wise allocation and Expenditure was as follows:**

**(Rs. lakh)**

**Ninth Plan**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
<b>1997-1998</b>	<b>23.99</b>	<b>23.99</b>
<b>1998-1999</b>	<b>73.29</b>	<b>73.29</b>
<b>1999-2000</b>	<b>30.12</b>	<b>30.12</b>
<b>2000-2001</b>	<b>36.42</b>	<b>36.42</b>

The entire allocation was released to Pondicherry Adidravidar Development Corporation.

**VULNERABLE GROUPS AMONG SCHEDULED CASTES**

There are no bonded labourers, nomadic, semi-nomadic and de-notified communities among Scheduled Castes in the Union Territory. Only sweepers, scavengers and leather workers form part of the vulnerable groups among Scheduled Castes. Occupational diversification, retention scholarship and providing housing facilities to these families are taken care of by the Plan schemes. The practice of manually carrying night soil has been eliminated in this Territory.

A brief sectoral write-up on implementation of Special Component Plan in the Union Territory of Pondicherry is given below:

**TENTH FIVE YEAR PLAN 2002-2007 AND ANNUAL PLAN 2002-2003.**

The Union Territory Administration has proposed an amount of Rs.2620.00 crore for the Tenth Five Year Plan and a sum of Rs.352.19 crore is earmarked for Special Component Plan which works out to 13.44%. In the Draft Annual Plan 2002-2003, an amount of Rs.421.00 crore and a sum of Rs.59.86 crore is earmarked under Special Component Plan which works out to 14.22%

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### AGRICULTURE

Agriculture Department is implementing various programmes to uplift the schedule caste farmers to undertake intensive cultivation in their holdings by offering incentives to them.

As per the Agricultural Census 1990-91 the details of land holdings cultivated by the scheduled caste farmers is as follows :

Region	No. of Farmers	Area operated in hect.
	<b>SC</b>	<b>SC</b>
Pondicherry	722	457
Karaikal	898	553
Mahe	--	--
Yanam	49	1669
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1669</b>	<b>1061</b>

During the Ninth Plan the agricultural inputs such as seeds, micronutrient mixture, Zinc sulphate, Gypsum, Bio-fertilizers DAP for foliar spray were distributed to scheduled caste farmers at 75% subsidy cost. The crop production demonstration were conducted by issuing inputs at free of cost. The other programmes such as distribution of fruit seedlings and plant protection chemicals at 75% subsidy were also carried out.

Moreover the institutional training camps were also conducted in which the Farmers Training Centre had organised training programme to scheduled Caste farmers to educate them in the adoption of latest crop production technologies. The Krishi Vigyan Kendra also Organised training programmes for scheduled caste farm youths in which they were trained in agriculture and allied activities.

During Tenth Plan also the agricultural inputs such as Zinc sulphate, micronutrient mixture, DAP for foliar spray, plant growth regulators, gypsum, paddy seeds, groundnut seeds, tarpaulin, plant protection chemicals, herbicides, plant protection equipments will be distributed at 75% subsidy.

Besides the scheduled caste farmers will be encouraged to undertake cultivation of Horticultural Crops and vegetables by distribution of vegetable and flower seeds, enriched compost, organic manures planting materials developed through tissue culture at 75% subsidy cost.

The Conduct of Institutional training camps conducted exclusively for scheduled caste farmers by Farmers Training Centre during Ninth Five Year Plan will be given a further



fillip. Besides, Krishi Vigyan Kendra will also conduct various training programmes under agriculture and allied sector for the scheduled caste farm youths. Under Soil Conservation Programme, construction of ponds and renovation of dug wells and dug-cum-bore wells in SC farmers holdings will be given priority.

## **ANIMAL HUSBANDRY**

78% of the livestock in Pondicherry are either owned by Small and Marginal Farmers or landless poor. As a source of supplementary income, these farmers are maintaining milch animals along with their main occupation of agriculture. This Department being a service department implements all the plan schemes to the benefit of these poor farmers with the objective of raising the economic status of the farmers in addition to improving the health and productivity of the livestock.

The following schemes namely Key Village Block, Frozen Semen Bank and Cross Breeding Programme, Sheep and Goat, Special Livestock Breeding Programme, Poultry Development have a direct bearing on poverty eradication and to help the livestock owners belonging to the below poverty line. Special emphasis is given to Scheduled Caste farmers to get benefit under the above schemes. The financial outlay is earmarked to extend the schemes as all these programmes are all subsidiary occupation to enhance annual income of the Schedule Caste People.

## **COOPERATION**

During the Tenth Plan period 2002-2007, financial assistance in the form of grant in aid is proposed to be extended to S.C. persons in order to enable them to become members in VCACS/FSCS/PCCLDB/PACB and other cottage industrial societies. Further, the scheme of reimbursement of Tractor hire charges at the rate of 66. 2/3 % in respect of Schedule Caste members is also to be continued.

## **INTEGRATED RURAL ENERGY PROGRAMME (IREP)**

Integrated Rural and Non-Conventional Sources of Energy Programme is intended to enrich the quality of life of poor in rural areas by meeting the basic need and generating employment opportunities in wider scale in a decentralised manner under the programme. Special care is taken to ensure that both the financial and physical benefits reach the schedule cast communities. During 1997-2000, 7423 Nos. of improved chulhas were distributed to rural SC people at subsidised rate.

During the Tenth Five Year Plan, the Integrated Rural Energy Programme will focus on the provision of minimum domestic needs of cooking and lighting in each blocks so as to ensure 100% coverage of economically weaker sections and it is proposed to distribute to SC people is as follows:

- |    |                 |   |           |
|----|-----------------|---|-----------|
| 1. | Improved Chulha | : | 7500 Nos. |
| 2. | Nutan Stove     | : | 5000 Nos. |

3. Compact Florescent Lamp : 1500 Nos.

During 2002-2003, it is proposed to distributed 1300 number of Improved Chulhas and 300 Nos. of Compact Florescent Lamp to the rural S.C. households at subsidised rate. 1000 Nutan Stove will be distributed to the S.C. families.

## **POWER**

All the Villages, hamlets and S.C. basties of the Union Territory of Pondicherry were electrified as early as March 1972. As such there is no unelectrified Village in the Union Territory of Pondicherry. For the direct benefit of S.C people, 1944 Nos. of OHOB services were effected in the SC areas, and 438 Nos. of street lights were also effected in the SC area during 1997 – 2001.

During 2001 – 2002, 280 Nos. of OHOB services and 165 Nos. of street lights will be provided in the SC pasties. During Tenth five year plan period (2002 – 2007), it is proposed to effect 1500 Nos. of OHOB services and 1000 Nos. of street lights for the direct benefit of SC people.

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## **INDUSTRIES**

District Industries Centre provides all services and support to the small entrepreneurs in the preparation of suitable schemes and assists in getting the required licenses and clearances. It also arranges for the training to the SC people in the filed of Engineering, Electrical. Technology, Handicrafts, and coir and District Industries Centre arranges loan, through Nationalised Bank, for setting up of Small Industries. To implement all these schemes, the proposed Budget Estimate for the year 2001-2002 is 3794.00 lakhs and out of which it is proposed to earmark Rs.64.52 lakhs for the welfare of SC. Under the Training Schemes, preferences given to SC candidates and the achievement is more than the yardstick prescribed by Government of India has fixed 22.5% for SC's and every year the prescribed target is achieved.

It is proposed to motivate SC/ST entrepreneurs to start their own industrial units, the Administration is implementing a scheme 'Motivation of SC/ST/Women entrepreneurs'.

## **ROADS & BRIDGES**

During Tenth Plan period it is proposed to develop roads in Scheduled Caste hamlets, provide linkage and approach to the rural and urban Scheduled Caste habitations.

## **EDUCATION**

The enrolment of SC Students in all educational institutions right from primary to higher secondary level is 43,109 which constitutes 18.16% of the total enrolment. All the schools located in SC areas are provided with all types of schooling facilities from primary to higher secondary level. Special efforts are taken to enroll the dropouts and also non school going children among SC communities by organising programmes under literacy projects and also by conduction special enrolment drive every year. It is worthwhile to mention here that the dropouts rate in respect of SC students at primary is very low (i.e. at primary level 1.15).

- i. Award of retention scholarship upto V Std. for SC girls.
- ii. Opportunity cost for SC girls from Std VI to VIII
- iii. Free supply of text books and stationeries including school bags upto X Std.
- iv. Free supply of two sets of uniforms to students upto X Std.
- v. Offering tutorial facilities to weak SC students in schools.
- vi. Provision of separate hostel facilities to SC boys and girls.
- vii. Award of ad-hoc merit grants (special incentives) to SC students who scored 65% marks and above in public examinations.
- viii. Award of pre-matric and post-matric scholarships
- ix. Maintenance of book-bank scheme for SC students prosecuting professional / technical education.
- x. Reimbursement of public examination fees.
- xi. Provision of free Cycles.

## **HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE SERVICES**

During first three years in the IX Five Year Plan an amount of Rs.776.44 lakhs has been spent under Special Component Plan. It includes purchase of medicines to SC patients, purchase of equipments and ambulance for the welfare of SC community. Specialised ophthalmic services were provided to the SC community during this period. More trained nurses were made under this programme. Steps were taken to control Filaria and Malaria in the area of SC community.

During the Tenth Five Year 2002-07, it is proposed to construct buildings for Sub-Centres and PHC's for the staff working in the Rural Dispensaries and to purchase of machinery and equipments, Ambulances for the welfare of SC Community. It is also proposed to give wide propoganda for educating the SC people through cultural programmes, seminars, film shows and health education in the U.T. of Pondicherry.

## **WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION**

In the Union Territory of Pondicherry, there are 267 villages of which 167 villages lie in Pondicherry region and 100 villages in Karaikal region. Out of 267 villages, 55 villages are Scheduled Castes dominated in Pondicherry and Karaikal regions. It is ensured that adequate safe drinking water supply is maintained in all

Scheduled Caste villages. Qualitative upgradation and rehabilitation of water supply system were taken up and water supply to these SC dominated villages. During this 10<sup>th</sup> Plan period priority will be given to areas in which the available water failed to meet the minimum requirements.

## **ADIDRAVIDAR WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

The various welfare schemes implemented by the Adidravidar Welfare Department may be classified under the following categories:

1. Scheme for educational improvements, training, self employment to the Scheduled Caste Population.
2. Scheme for Social and Economic Development of Scheduled Caste Population.

### **I. SCHEME FOR EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT, TRAINING, SELF-EMPLOYMENT TO SCS**

#### **1. Supply of Text Books, Stationeries and Clothes to Scheduled Caste Students**

Free supply of Text Books, Stationeries and uniforms to Scheduled Caste students are being given to increase the enrollment. Every year, 46500 Scheduled Caste students are being benefited. During 1991-92 onwards, free supply of text books, have been extended to upto X std. Uniforms are supplied in Terry Cotton/Polyester instead of cotton from the year 1997-98. From the year 2000-01 onwards, the uniforms are proposed to be supplied to the students upto XII std.

#### **2. Provision of Tutorial Facilities to Scheduled Caste Students**

To increase awareness and learning among Scheduled Caste student, 350 tutorial centres are run by this department. Tutors are posted to enlighten the Scheduled Caste students in their weak subjects after the school hours. Educational unemployed youth are taking classes. Honorarium ranging from Rs.150 to 250 is being paid according to their educational qualification.

Financial Assistance to Scheduled Caste students undergoing training in typewriting and shorthand in recognised institutions are also extended to enable them to settle in self-employment programme. Entire expenditure like tuition fees, stationery fees, examination fees, machine hiring charges, etc., are being met by the Government.

Various coaching classes for recruitment of Lower Division Clerk, Upper Division Clerk, Superintendent, are being arranged under this scheme in order to enable Scheduled Caste candidates to compete with other candidates on better footing

and turn out successful in the Examination.

Special coaching classes for Entrance Exam for admission into Navodaya Vidyalaya, M.B.B.S., B.D.S., Engineering, Agricultural and B.V.Sc. courses are also being conducted every year.

### **3. Vocational Training Centres at Pondicherry, Karaikal and Yanam**

With a view to make the school drop outs, to get skill, training in cutting and tailoring is being imparted. The duration of the course is one year. 96 candidates are imparted training every year. 48 in Pondicherry, 32 in Karaikal and 16 in Yanam. Stipend of Rs.100/- per month is also given to the trainees. A sewing machine with accessories at free of cost is also given as a measure of rehabilitation to settle in self-employment after completion of 1 year training.

### **4. Grant of Opportunity Cost to the Parents of Scheduled Caste Girls Students in Middle/Secondary Level Classes**

In order to compensate the loss of income suffered by the parents in the event of sending their daughter to school, opportunity cost (at the rate of Rs.20/- per month for 10 months) to the parents of Scheduled Caste girls student of middle and secondary level classes, is being given. From the 2000-2001 onwards, it is proposed to enhance the financial assistance from Rs.200/- to 1000/- per year.

### **5. Opening and Maintenance of Boys and Girls Hostels**

**OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME:** Providing of free lodging and boarding to SC students to continue their studies without any disruption. These facilities are being given from V Standard to College level students.

**FACILITIES AVAILABLE:** Under the scheme 23 nos. of hostels are functioning in the Union Territory of Pondicherry. All the inmates are provided with free diet which includes fish, chicken, mutton alongwith monthly special diet, such as, meals with vada, keseri, payasam and plaintain fruits and non-diet items, such as, toilet soap, washing soap, soapnut powder, tooth paste, tooth brush, washing soda, coconut oil and gingely oil are also being given. The per capita expenditure per inmate per day Rs.26.818 for the current year 2000-2001.

Apart from the above, inmates are provided with playground materials, daily newspapers, uniform cloth with stitching charges, refund of bus fare amount for 6 trips to home town & back in respect of all hostels every year, conducting of Educational Tour to final year college students and assistance of Rs.2000/- per hostel for celebration of annual day of the hostel.

Special coaching classes are being conducted for hostel inmates in their respective schools in order to improve Educational standard. This special coaching

classes are being implemented by this department for those students pursuing their education from VI to XII std.

**Regionwise details of SC hostels are given below:**

Region	Government Building		Rented Building		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Pondicherry	7	1	2	3	13
Karaikal	5	1	1	2	9
Yanam		1	1		2
Total					24

With a view to complete the education upto secondary level, Pre Matric scholarship is awarded to the SC students studying from 6th to 10th standards. Students studying in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> are paid at the rate of Rs.150/- per year and students in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> are awarded Rs.200/- per year.

**6. Free Distribution of Bi-Cycle to Scheduled Caste Students**

The object of the scheme is to provide bi-cycles to all boys and girls studying from standard IX upto college level, including Post graduate level, in order to enable poor Adi-draavidar students to come to their Educational institutions comfortably. During 2000-01 6600 Bi-cycles have been distributed to the students studying from IX to college level. From the year 2001-02, it is proposed to cover 3000 SC students who are studying IX standard.

**7. Pre-matric Scholarship to Children of persons engaged in unclean occupation**

The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to enable the children of scavengers of dry latrines, tanners, flayers and sweepers who have traditional link with scavenging to pursue pre-matric education. The eligibility for this scholarship is only for two children in the family upto VII std. The third child is also eligible if the child is born before 1.4.93. In respect of IX and X standard, only two children of the same parents would be eligible. An ad-hoc grant of Rs.500/- per student per annum in addition to scholarship is given to all students.

<b>Day Scholars</b>	<b>Quantum of Assistance</b>
I to V std	Rs.25/- per month
VI to VIII std.	Rs.40/- per month
IX to X std.	Rs.50/- per month
<b>Hostellers</b>	
III to VIII std.	Rs.200/- per month
IX to X std.	Rs.250/- per month

## **8. Award of Post Matric Scholarship to SC Students**

The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to SC students studying at post matric level or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education. Reimbursement of full fees charged by the institutions and award of maintenance allowance for meeting educational expenses and boarding, lodging expenses are given as detailed below:

Sl.No.	Course Study	Rate of Maintenance Per month Hotellers	Allowance Day Scholars
1	Group A Professional Course	Rs./- 425/-	Rs. 190/-
2	Group B&C.P.G.& Other Course	290/-	190/-
3	Group D-General course upto Graduate Level.	230/-	120/-
4	Group E-Class XI&XII	150/-	90/-

## **9. Book Bank to Scheduled Caste Students**

Under this scheme, book bank facilities have been extended to the Engineering, Medical, Dental and Agricultural college in the Union Territory of Pondicherry to enable the SC students to utilise the books available in the book bank for their studies. According to the instruction of Government of India, the SC students who are in receipt of post-matric scholarship are only permitted to use the book bank. The books are utilised by the SC students at the rate of one set for two students.

## **10. Stipend to Scheduled Caste Trainees in various Industrial Training Institute**

Grant of stipend at Rs.120/- per month to each Scheduled Caste trainees undergoing training in various Industrial Training Institute of this Union Territory is being given in order to retain them in the training till its completion.

## **11. Grant of Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Award**

In order to promote talent and imbibe the spirit of competition among SC students, an award of Rs.1000/- each to top scoring one SC boy and SC girl students from each region in Higher Secondary Examination is being given every year. Order of the Government of India for enhancement of the award from Rs.1000/- to Rs.5000/- are awaited.

## **12. Grant of Supplementary maintenance allowance to SC Students in Engineering, Medical and Other Professional Courses**

In order to relieve the distress in locating funds for their normal boarding expenses in hostels, supplementary maintenance allowance of Rs.50/- per month to each SC student studying in professional colleges, outside the Union Territory is being granted.

## **II. SCHEME FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF SCHEDULED CASTE POPULATION.**

### **1. Purchase, Distribution and Development of house sites**

The objective of the scheme is to provide free house sites to the homeless SC people to enable them to construct their own houses. 20% of house sites are allotted to other economically backward classes so as to avoid the feeling of segregation and to eradicate the evil of untouchability. Such pattas are issued jointly in the name of husband and wife with a view to strengthen the resources and accelerate the process of empowerment of women in the society.

### **2. Construction of community halls**

The objective of the scheme is to construct community halls to SC colonies for the conduct of social functions like marriages, earboring ceremony, village meetings and running of adult schools, etc. This will also serve as temporary shelters, for homeless SC families as well as to those, whose houses are damaged by natural calamities like cyclone, flood, fire, etc. The community hall after construction are handed over to the concerned Commune Panchayat/Municipalities for upkeep and maintenance. It is proposed to construct 3 community halls during 2000-2001.

### **3. Grant-in-aid to local bodies for construction of water borne latrines, scavenger quarters, provision of civic amenities in SC colonies and financial assistance to the parent of unemployed graduate**

The objective of the scheme is to release grant-in-aid to local bodies to provide roads, water supply, side drains, to construct scavengers quarters and water borne latrines, etc. in Scheduled Caste colonies, where these facilities are lacking. This scheme which was not in operation during VII Five Year Plan period has again been revived for implementation during VIII Five Year Plan.



**4. Free supply of dhoties, towels, sarees and blouse pieces to Poor Scheduled Caste people**

The object of the scheme is to provide clothing to the poor SC people who are not in a position to purchase even the minimum required clothing for their use. Under the above scheme, a SC male will be supplied with a dhoti and a towel and SC female will be supplied with a saree and a blouse piece 0.75 mt. each. Under the scheme, all SC married people who are below the income level of Rs.15000/- are benefited.

**5. Financial Assistance for the marriages of poor SC Brides, pregnant and lactating woman and to the parents of unemployed graduate**

Financial Assistance of Rs.7500/- each to SC brides in respect of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter also whose parent's annual income does not exceed Rs.15,000/- for performing their marriage to mitigate the financial hardship is being given. Financial Assistance of Rs.500/- (Rs.100/- in cash and a baby kit worth Rs.400/-) is being given to poor scheduled caste pregnant and lactating women for pre/post natal care, treatment etc.

**6. Grant of subsidy for construction of low cost dwelling units**

Under the housing sector, financial assistance was given to SC people who are allotted house sites either by this directorate or in possession of the house site of their own in the form of subsidy to the tune of Rs.10,000/- with a view to enable them to construct a house of their own. The amount has been enhanced to Rs.20,000/- from the year 2000-2001. The above assistance is being given in three instalments based on the stage of construction.

**7. Financial Assistance to SC people to perform funeral rites**

To mitigate the financial hardships experienced by the poor SC people in performing the funeral rites of deceased, a sum of Rs.1000/- each to the relative of the deceased is given from the year 1998-99.

**8. Award to Inter-caste married couple**

With a view to encourage the inter-caste marriage, award to the tune of Rs.5000/- was given to the inter caste married couples as a step in the direction of creating a casteless society. This amount has been enhanced to Rs.10,000/- from the year 1998-99.

## **9. Financial Assistance to SC Law/Medical Graduates for setting up of private practice**

Under this scheme financial assistance is provided to SC Law/Medical graduates of setting up of their own practice. The assistance is to meet the initial investment cost necessary for Law/Medical books, equipments, furniture etc., while the law graduates are given Rs.1500/-. Medical graduates are given Rs.2500/-. It is proposed to enhance the quantum of financial assistance.

### **PONDICHERY ADIDRAVIDAR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD., (PADCO)**

The Pondicherry Adidravidar Development Corporation Limited is a Government of Pondicherry undertaking, formed in the year 1986 to function as a nodal agency for financing, facilitating and promoting economic development activities of Adidravidar community in the Union Territory of Pondicherry. The main features of the Corporation are:

1. Identification of various business and profession and financing such income generating schemes for the benefit of the Adidravidar Community with a view to improve their living standards.
2. Imparting skills and entrepreneurial development training to the educated unemployed youths for gainful employment or to enable to setup their own business.

The Paid-up Share Capital of the Corporation is Rs.198.35 lakh as against the Authorised Share Capital of Rs.500.00 lakhs as on March 2001. Share Capital is being contributed to PADCO by the Government of India and Government of Pondicherry in the ratio of 49:51. The Corporation is managed by the Board of Directors having representation from the UT Government and Union Government.

PADCO has been nominated as the Channelising Agency for the implementation of the schemes of National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) and National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC).

Under the NSFDC, NBCFDC and NSKFDC sponsored schemes PADCO undertakes to identify beneficiaries, extend term loan assistance and recover the loan from the beneficiaries. Some of the important schemes implemented are Autorickshaws, Mini Lorries, Photocopiers, Concrete Mixers, Power Tillers, Diesel Taxi, Passenger Van, Tourist Home, Computer Centre, Steel Furniture Manufacturing etc.

## **A.WELFARE SCHEMES EXTENDED TO ADIDRAVIDAR COMMUNITY:**

### **1. LOAN-CUM-SUBSIDY AND MARGIN MONEY SCHEME :**

Under this scheme, the Adidraavidar community people living below the poverty line are extended with Loan-cum-subsidy through banks for starting viable trades/business/profession and other economic activities under self-employment programme so as to raise their economic level. The features/ criteria of the scheme are as follows:

1. 25% of the Unit cost or Rs.10,000/- whichever is less is released to the concerned loan disbursing banks from the Share capital as Margin Money Deposit for a maximum period of 3 years. The interest earned on the deposit is to be apportioned equally between the Corporation and the beneficiary.
2. 50% of the Unit cost or Rs.10,000/- whichever is less is released as subsidy to the loan disbursing banks from the grants to be adjusted against the loan amount.
3. Remaining portion of the unit cost will be released by the disbursing banks as bank loan at a nominal rate of interest as prescribed by RBI from time to time.

**Table No.1 :Achievements under Loan-cum-Subsidy and Margin Money Scheme (SC)**

Sl. No.	Year	No. of Bene. Assisted	Margin Money (Rs.)	Subsidy (Rs.)	Bank Loan (Rs.)	Total Loan (Rs.)
01.	1987-88	305	5,42,475-00	5,66,920-00	16,02,980-00	21,69,900-00
02.	1988-89	546	4,37,918-00	10,33,471-00	7,18,201-00	17,51,672-00
03.	1989-90	614	7,52,296-00	15,65,225-00	14,43,959-00	30,09,184-00
04.	1990-91	788	4,82,949-00	8,28,768-00	11,03,028-00	19,31,796-00
05.	1991-92	649	13,27,026-00	18,61,496-00	34,46,608-00	53,08,104-00
06.	1992-93	702	10,15,715-00	19,34,990-00	21,27,870-00	40,62,860-00
07.	1993-94	762	9,99,639-00	17,92,525-00	22,06,031-00	39,98,556-00
08.	1994-95	630	10,94,958-00	19,27,233-00	24,52,599-00	43,79,832-00
09.	1995-96	574	11,32,121-00	20,46,843-00	24,81,641-00	45,28,484-00
10.	1996-97	584	11,79,213-00	21,62,620-00	25,54,232-00	47,16,852-00
11.	1997-98	493	9,20,102-00	17,40,154-00	19,40,254-00	36,80,408-00
12.	1998-99	506	10,28,900-00	20,14,775-00	21,00,825-00	41,15,600-00
13.	1999-00	484	11,10,724-00	20,54,517-00	23,88,379-00	44,42,896-00
14.	2000-01	668	31,05,508-00	28,52,250-00	29,28,750-00	57,81,000-00
15.	2001-02 (Upto Oct)	37	82,000-00	1,59,000-00	1,69,000-00	3,28,000-00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7685</b>	<b>1,21,43,661-00</b>	<b>2,17,44,787-00</b>	<b>2,68,29,857-00</b>	<b>4,85,74,644-00</b>

## 2. TRAINING SCHEME:

Under this scheme, this Corporation provides training in various fields to the educated unemployed youths of Adidravidar community for the improvement of skills for availing of wage/self employment. Stipend ranging from Rs.500/- to Rs.1,000/- depending upon their educational qualification is paid to the trainees during the training period besides the Course fees to the Training Institutions.

**Table No. 2 : Achievements under Training Scheme (SC)**

Sl. No.	Year	No. of Persons Trained	Stipend & Course Fee
1	1989-1990	57	0.32
2	1990-1991	113	1.52
3	1991-1992	208	2.62
4	1992-1993	332	3.20
5	1993-1994	437	7.65
6	1994-1995	374	7.59
7	1995-1996	293	5.78
8	1996-1997	432	9.35
9	1997-1998	449	11.35
10	1998-1999	694	17.68
11	1999-2000	492	31.63
12	2000-2001	529	23.22
13	2001-2002	280	9.00

Some of the trades in which training is imparted are as follows:

1. Computer operation (Data Entry and Programming)
2. Typewriting / Shorthand
3. Tailoring
4. A/c Mechanism
5. Electrical Goods repairing
6. Auto Mechanism
7. T.V Mechanism
8. Welding/Turning
9. Printing & Composing
10. Korai Mat Weaving
11. Leather goods Manufacturing
12. Terracotta Toys making

### 3. NSFDC SPONSORED TERM LOAN ASSISTANCE:

National Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) is the apex institution functioning in New Delhi for financing and promoting economic development activities of SC and ST community. NSFDC provides assistance to the members of SC and ST communities whose annual family income is below double the poverty line, through the State Channelising Agencies (i.e., State SC Development Corporations). Under this scheme financial assistance is extended to the beneficiaries at a very lesser rate of interest of 7% per annum and Subsidy of Rs.6,000/- or 50% of the project cost whichever is less, is granted. Now as resolved in the 40<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting held on 21.08.98 the subsidy component has been enhanced to 33.33% of the loan amount subject to a maximum of Rs. 25,000/- per beneficiary from the year 2000-2001. PADCO extends loan under this scheme by obtaining 80-85% of the project cost as Term Loan from NSFDC, meeting 10% from its Share Capital as Margin Money Loan and the balance 5% is met by the beneficiaries as Promoters Contribution.

Since the nomination as channelising agency for NSFDC i.e. 1993-94 till August 2000 PADCO has extended term loan to 200 beneficiaries to the tune of 299.71 lakhs for 39 schemes.

**Table No. 3: Achievements under NSFDC sponsored Term Loan Assistance:**

Sl. No.	Year	No. of Beneficiaries Assisted	NSFDC Share	PADCO Share	Total Loan (Rs. In Lakhs)
01.	1993-1994	50	14.85	5.00	19.85
02.	1995-1996	19	14.51	5.58	20.09
03.	1996-1997	23	30.81	15.64	46.45
04.	1997-1998	23	18.90	9.97	28.87
05.	1998-1999	30	66.12	19.83	85.95
06.	1999-2000	36	57.83	9.95	67.78
07.	2000- 2001	32	50.99	9.62	60.61
08.	2001-2002	15	28.34	4.47	32.81
<b>TOTAL</b>		228	282.35	83.06	362.41

#### B. WELFARE SCHEMES EXTENDED TO MEMBERS OF SAFAI KARAMCHARIS NSFDC SPONSORED LOAN CUM SUBSIDY SCHEME

Government of Pondicherry have nominated PADCO as Channelising agency for the UT of Pondicherry for providing assistance to the members of Safai Karamcharis. National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) is the apex institution functioning in New Delhi for financing and promoting economic development activities for the members of Safai Karamcharis.

Under this scheme financial assistance is extended to the beneficiaries at a very lesser rate of interest of 6% per annum. PADCO extends loan under this scheme by obtaining 85% of the project cost as Term Loan from NSKFDC, meeting 10% as Margin Money Loan from its Share Capital and the balance 5% is met by the beneficiaries as Promoters Contribution. 162 No. of beneficiaries have been identified for disbursement of concessional financial assistance for schemes such as Milch animal, Tyre cart with Bullocks. Auto rickshaw, Tailoring, Footwear & Rexine Works, Music Band Units, Cycle Store etc. Out of 162 beneficiaries 43 beneficiaries assisted to the tune of 10.39 lakh as on 30.10.2001.