

SCHEDULED CASTE SUB PLAN

Introduction

The Union Territory of Puducherry consists of four regions, namely, Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam lying geographically isolated from one another. Puducherry 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 Puducherry and it is surrounded by Nagapattinam District of Tamilnadu. Yanam region is located about 840 kms. north east of Puducherry near Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh. Mahe region lies almost parallel to Puducherry 653 kms. away on the west coast near Tellicherry in Kerala.

Area and Population

The Union Territory of Puducherry is 480 sq. kms. in area and has a population of 9,74,345 consisting of 4,86,961 males and 4,87,384 females according to 2001 census. The region-wise breakup is as follows:

Scheduled Castes Population

The Scheduled Castes population is 1,57,771 which is found to be 16.19% of the total population of 9,74,345 of 2001 census. The region-wise break-up is as follows:

Region	S.C. Population	Percentage
Puducherry	1,20,980	16.45
Karaikal	30,868	18.07
Yanam	5,802	18.48
Mahe	121	0.33
Total	1,57,771	16.19

The details of rural and urban distribution of Scheduled Caste population as per 2001 census are as shown below:

Rural/Urban	Total Population	Scheduled Caste	Percentage
Rural	3,25,726	88,545	27.18
Urban	6,48,619	69,226	10.67
Total	9,74,345	1,57,771	16.19

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
Total	39,204	38,523	26,987	26,564	1,31,278

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.

SCHEDULED TRIBES

There are no Scheduled Tribes in the Union Territory of Puducherry according to 2001 Census report.

FORMULATION OF SCHEDULED CASTE SUB PLAN

Till beginning of Sixth Five Year Plan, programmes were taken up under backward classes sectors in the selected fields such as Education, Housing and Drinking Water Supply, Sanitation, Roads, etc. The main plan of the work undertaken for the advancement of SCs relates to the provision of educational facilities. The Programme of action includes award of pre-matric, post-matric scholarships, supply of books, slates and other stationery articles and free supply of uniforms etc. A chain of hostels was opened to provide free boarding and lodging for SCs students. Tools and instruments required for Carpenters, Cobblers, Washerman, Hair-dressers, agricultural labourers were supplied free of cost to these engaged in their traditional avocation. The problem of housing among SCs was tackled a two pronged Programme of action i.e. through allotment of free house sites and financial assistance for construction of huts. Under the scheme launched in 1974, civic amenities such as approach roads, internal roads, pathways to burial grounds, culverts, bathrooms, lavatories etc. were provided in SC localities. Arrangements were made to provide hygienic drinking water to SC localities. The scheme for construction of multi-purpose community halls in SC settlements was taken up so as to provide them better place for conducting meetings, adult education classes and social functions like marriages etc.

The Scheduled Caste Sub Plan, is previously named as Special Component Plan, concept was first introduced during the Sixth Plan to channelise the flow of benefits and outlays in physical and financial terms from the general sectors in the Plans of the States/Union Territories for development of SCs. These plans are envisaged to help the poor SC families through composite income generating/welfare schemes. The system has evolved a useful mechanism to draw funds and physical benefits in various sectors for improving the socio-economic and living conditions of the Scheduled Castes people.

Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) is prepared as an integral part of Five Year Plan/Annual Plan showing sectorwise schemewise outlays earmarked for Scheduled Castes and corresponding physical targets. According to the guidelines received from Government of India, flow of funds to SCs in States and Union Territories should be equivalent to percentage of Scheduled Castes population to total population of the States and Union Territories. As per 2001 census, the population of SCs in this territory is 1,57,771, which is 16.19% of the total population of 9,73,345. Hence 16.19% of total Plan allocation should be earmarked for SCs in this Union Territory.

It may not be practicable to absorb the entire flow of funds earmarked for SCs (16.19% of Plan Allocation) under Backward Classes sector implemented by the Welfare of Scheduled Caste department. Hence it becomes necessary to identify programmes for scheduled castes in the sectors implemented by other departments and expenditure on implementing such programmes may be shown under SCSP. While formulating programmes, every department should ensure that there is no duplication in programmes to avoid unhealthy competition between departments in selection of beneficiaries.

In some sectors like Fisheries, Handlooms, Port, Stationery & Printing, Public Works, Tourism etc. it may not be possible to earmark funds for Scheduled Castes and such sectors are called as indivisible sectors. Similarly it may not be possible to earmark funds for Scheduled Castes in certain schemes like construction of office buildings, construction of bridges, development of ports, modernisation of Police etc and such schemes are called indivisible schemes. But in order to show minimum flow of 16.19% in total Plan allocation, it becomes necessary to earmark higher outlay for Scheduled Castes in the divisible schemes/ sectors and departments have been advised to keep these feasibility's in view while implementing the schemes included in the SCSP.

The quasi-Government organisations such as PIPDIC, Housing Board, Local Bodies, Khadi and Village Industries Board, Spinning Mills, Sugar Mills, Tourism Development Corporation PASIC, PAPSCO, Women Development Corporation, Adi-Dravidar Development Corporation and other public undertakings, all categories of cooperatives, etc.. also advised to earmark outlays and physical targets for Scheduled Castes in schemes/ programmes implemented by them. It should be ensured by Administrative department, which is releasing grants/ subsidy/ share capital etc. to such agencies, that they also adopt all guidelines issued for formulating the SCSP in respect of schemes/ programmes implemented by them. It is the responsibility of the administrative department to collect and keep the required information so that the same could be retrieved and furnished to the Planning Secretariat / Welfare Secretariat as and when they are called for to send replies to Government of India, Parliamentary Committee, Commission for SCs/STs Parliament Questions etc.

It may not be possible to generate adequate income to scheduled caste families and enable them to cross the poverty line by covering a family by only one scheme. It is inevitable that two or more schemes by two or more departments have to cover the same family during the same year to ensure that the beneficiary family could generate additional income from all these schemes to lift them above the poverty line. Concerted efforts by the departments are necessary to carry out this task. At the same time double and triple counting has to be avoided while furnishing the reports on number of families covered. Hence departments have to maintain a list of Scheduled Caste families covered under each scheme in each village and this may be sent in future as a supporting annexure to the reports. A register can be maintained to record these particulars in the department showing the particulars of (1) name of commune; (2) name of village, (3) name of habitation (4) name of head of family (5) occupation of head of family; (6) number of family members; (7) annual income of the family at the time of coverage under the scheme and (8) anticipated additional income by covering the family under the scheme. DRDA norms may be adopted for drawing the poverty line.

Among the Scheduled Castes, there are some vulnerable and highly disadvantaged groups such as sweepers, scavengers, leather workers, nomadic people, people who are working in burial grounds and those who are engaged in other unclean occupations. Priority will be given to cover such families in the economic development schemes implemented by the departments. Facilities such as

housing, financial assistances, etc. should flow to all these disadvantaged groups in a larger measure and a crash plan should be prepared to cover all such families by appropriate economic development and social development schemes. For these disadvantaged groups a higher percentage of financial assistance may also be provided.

In regard to location of schools, health, centers, libraries, cooperatives, construction of water supply works, drainage, road etc., preference should be given for locating them in SC habitations. In such cases the entire outlay meant for such works can be shown as outlay earmarked for Scheduled Castes. There may be some village habitations in which the Scheduled Castes may exceed 50% of the total population of the village. In respect of such villages the entire outlay provided for works mentioned above may be shown as outlay earmarked for SCs. While indicating outlays of this category utmost care and check need to be exercised by the department in regard to collection of data on SC population and non-SC population of the village and then only the earmarking of outlay of Scheduled Castes is indicated so that such earmarking could stand the test of verification in the field at a later date by any evaluating / inspecting agency. Detailed knowledge of the conditions obtaining in the field is a pre-requisite for doing this exercise of earmarking outlay for Scheduled Castes. The names of Scheduled Caste habitations where such public facilities are set up or proposed to be set up should be furnished under such scheme in the scheme details.

A good number of schemes are implemented in this Union Territory under various sectors wherein the benefit of Plan schemes directly flow to SCs. It includes financial assistance for construction of houses, upgradation of existing houses, free distribution of housing sites, distribution of books, notebooks, uniforms, to school going children, distribution of bicycles free of cost to students of 9th Standard and above, distribution of agricultural implements, tractors at subsided cost, distribution of milch animals at subsided cost, special incentives to start industries, training for upgradation of skills of SCs, financial assistance to become the member of the Cooperative societies, free distribution of clothing items, distribution of rice during festival season, old age pension etc. Expenditure increased on these schemes may be shown under SCSP.

Number of educational institutions admit SC students based on reservation policy being followed in this Union Territory. It includes admission to various professional colleges such as Puducherry Engineering College, Dental College, Agricultural college, Mother Teresa Institute of Hospitality Craft, Govt. Polytechnics, Centre for PG Studies etc. 16% allocation given to these institutions may be shown under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan. Similarly, Public Sector undertaking receives grant from Govt. of Puducherry. They have been insisted to ensure that 16% of benefits should flow to the SC community. It includes the programmes of Housing Board, Slum Clearance Board, Co-operative institutions etc. Public Sector undertaking engaged in commercial activities are instructed to ensure that 16% of employees should be from SC community. Allocation of funds and aids/Share Capital Assistance to the extent of 16% may be shown under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan.

Number of schemes are being implemented in the Union Territory wherein actual flow to SCs cannot be actually measured. For example, number of SC

patients taking treatment in General Hospitals, Maternity Hospitals etc cannot be measured. Similarly, funds spent on development of major roads, bridges, water supply schemes connecting the SC habitations, development of Irrigation tanks cannot be apportioned to SCs on percentage of people actually benefits from such schemes. However, based on our experience and observation, notional flow may be shown under SCSP.

In order to ensure full utilisation of funds provided under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan, Heads of Departments should prepare Action schedule and steps should be taken to realise the targets in full before the end of the financial year. Department should also take advance action in locating public institutions in SC habitations/ nearby SC habitations so that non-availability of suitable sites should not be the justifications to divert funds earmarked for SCs. Director of Welfare of SCs may be approached for locating public institutions in SC habitations.

Based on past experience, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India have underlined the need for certain course corrections and qualitative and quantitative improvements with an ultimate aim to enable the Scheduled Castes to cross the poverty line once for all. Various points / various suggestions highlighted in their letter are given below :

(i) The developmental needs of the SCs / STs people should be identified according to the order of priorities. Among the immediate developmental needs, top priority should go to :

- Provision of minimum needs including drinking water, Electricity, Schools, Health Centers and link roads in SC colonies.
- A Vigorous drive in implementing Land Ceiling Acts like immediate physical occupation of surplus lands and actual distribution of such lands to SCs
- A substantively stepped up educational programme with appropriate schemes to reduce the gap in the literacy level between SCs and the rest of population with Special reference to girls education.
- A massive and quick programme for appropriate small, minor and medium irrigation projects for the benefits of SCs not only to improve the productivity of their un-irrigated lands and their living standards but also the total national food production is pushed up.
- Preventing land alienation and restoration of alienated lands belonging to SCs and proper recording of all the land owner and traditionally used otherwise by them.
- Appropriate Income generation schemes Dairying, Animal Husbandry, Horticulture, Sericulture, Weaving, Handicrafts etc.

- Ensuing a remunerative price for surplus Agricultural produce of SC people.
- Programme for Occupational diversification of those sections of SCs who are engaged in Unclean Occupations like scavenging, flaying and tanning of skin and imparting alternative skills to them for their rehabilitation's.
- Ban on dry latrine and expeditious rehabilitation's of displaced scavengers with improved tools, aids and equipment's for cleaning wet latrines and sewage system.

(ii) Programmes/ Schemes in the above areas should be specifically drawn suiting the local needs for SCs. They should not be mere extension of programme meant for the general population.

(iii) The total outlays under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan should be arrived at first and then distributed among different sectors according to the needs. They should not be allocated as a mere arithmetic proportion of the outlay in each sector.

(iv) The Special Central Assistance by Government of India should be properly utilised to supplement the efforts of the States and for specific programmes where there are gaps in the State Plan.

(v) Personal policies concerning those in charge of the programmes for SCs. should be such as to motivate them strongly, get them committed and work with real sincerity. A senior officer of proved efficiency and commitment for the cause of SCs should be placed in over all charge of the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan with adequate authority and proper support for the successful implementation of Scheduled Caste Sub Plan. His tenure should be at least for a minimum period of 4 years to enable him to carry out innovations and made an impact on Scheduled Caste development. It is equally important to select right type of field officers and staff to work on SC areas and to motivate them properly.

(vi) The SC beneficiaries should be associated in all stages of the developmental efforts undertaken for them.

(vii) Services of the sincere and dedicated public workers and voluntary organisations engaged in SC development should be associated in the formulation and implementation of programmes especially in the field of education, employment, nutrition, removal of untouchability etc.

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India underlined the urgent need for training and skill development programme for SCs to keep place with the increasing demand for qualified and trained SC candidates for various fields both under public and private sectors. Salient points highlighted in their letter are listed below :

(i) Entrepreneurial development training programme in the fields like leather work, food processing, horticulture, handlooms, powerlooms, assembly of low technology electronic / electrical goods like radios, T.V.S, Mixers etc. will be developed for SC youths with the help of technical institutions. Government organizations like Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB), Small Industries Development Corporation, etc. It is stated in this connection that Scheduled Caste Development Corporation as well as leading companies are not only to impart training to SC youths but also in marketing their products under their brand names.

(ii) Unemployed SC youths could also be imparted training in certain important areas like typewriting , shorthand TV/Radio repairs, motor driving etc. For those in rural and semi urban areas, particularly for women training could be given in tailoring, embroidery, doll making, making of wall hanging, leather / rexin bags, carpet making, making of sarees, shawls, woolen clothes etc., depending upon the demand for the products in local areas. Educated unemployed Scheduled Caste girls may be given training in nursing, mid-wifery and teaching also.

(iii) Training programme could be taken up by taking additional candidates in the regular courses or separate training programmes may be organised. The duration of the training programmes should be reasonable with provision for ensuing appropriate standards through tests-exams at the end of course. Vocational training course may also be conducted. In such cases, they should be supplied essential equipment's, minimum working capital etc.

(iv) Trained SC candidates could be assisted to form viable cooperatives. The trained candidates in trades like electronics and computers and willing to settle down in self employment should be assisted by Scheduled Castes Development Corporation, People trained in nursing and teaching should be guided and helped in securing regular jobs. Not only all the districts of the State / UT should be duly covered but also wastage of any kind in organising training should be avoided. It is also mentioned that State / UT Administration should ensure adequate flow of funds from Scheduled Caste Sub Plan and Special Assistance to these training Programmes.

The existing Guidelines for formulation, implementation and monitoring of Scheduled Caste Sub Plan for Scheduled Castes and Tribal Sub-Plan for Scheduled Tribes.as communicated by the Planning Commission vide their Letter D.O. No. M-13011/3/2005-SP-Co dt. 31.10.2005 are reproduced below.

Detailed guidelines relating to the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan for the Scheduled Castes and Tribal Sub-Plan for Scheduled Tribes have been issued by the concerned departments of the Central Government from time to time.

The basic objective of both these sub-plans is to channelise the flow of outlays and benefits from the general sectors in the Plan of States for the development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes at least in proportion to their population, both in physical and financial terms. The Mid Term appraisal of the

Tenth Plan has noted that several State Governments have not earmarked adequate funds to SCSP and STSP, proportionate to the share of SCs and STs in the population.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister has again underlined the importance of the SCSP and TSP while addressing the 51st Meeting of the National Development Council held on 27th June 2005. The Prime Minister had then stated, "in the mid-1970s, the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan and the Tribal Sub-Plan were initiated. Tribal Sub-Plans and Scheduled Caste Sub Plans should be an integral part of Annual Plans as well as Five Year Plans, making provisions therein non-divertible, with the clear objective of bridging the gap in socio-economic development of the SCs and STs within a period of 10 years".

In this context, the following guidelines with respect to SCSP and TSP are once again reiterated so that the same may be followed strictly in the preparation of the Annual Plan for 2006-2007.

Objective:

The following should be the broad objectives of the SCSP and TSP

- Substantial reduction in poverty and unemployment.
- Creation of productive assets in favour of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to sustain the growth likely to accrue through development efforts.
- Human resource development of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes by providing adequate educational and health services, and
- Provision of Physical and financial security against all types of exploitation and oppression.

Action Plan:

To fulfill the above objectives the following points may be taken into account for formulating SCSP and TSP

1. Earmarking of funds for SCSP / TSP from total State Plan Outlay at least in the proportion of SC / ST population to the total population of the State / UT.
2. Scheduled Caste Sub Plan and Tribal Sub-Plan funds should be non-divertible and non-lapsable.
3. Making the Social Welfare Department/ the Department concerned with the welfare and development of SCs/ STs as nodal department for formulation and implementation of SCSP / TSP.
4. Placing the funds earmarked for SCSP / TSP at the disposal of the nodal department concerned which in turn will reallocate the funds to the sectoral

departments for implementing schemes directly relevant to SC / ST development.

5. Placing the funds earmarked for SCSP / TSP under separate budget head / sub-head for each development department implementing SCSP and TSP. In this connection it may be noted that the List of Major and Minor Heads of Account of Union and States as issued by the Controller General of Accounts provides that Tribal Sub-Plan (code 796) and Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (789) may be opened as Minor Head below the functional Major Head / Sub Major Head wherever necessary.
6. Special Central Assistance (SCA) both for the SCSP and for the TSP is being extended by the Centre to the States as a 100% grant meant to fill critical gaps and missing inputs for family-oriented income-generating schemes and supporting infrastructure development with a special focus on BPL families. Guidelines issued in this connection should be strictly followed.

Components of SCSP and TSP

1. Only those schemes should be included under SCSP / TSP that ensure direct benefits to individuals or families belonging to Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes.
2. Outlay for area oriented schemes directly benefiting Scheduled Castes hamlets / villages having a majority of Scheduled Castes population / tribal hamlets and villages may be included in SCSP and TSP.
3. Priority should be given for providing basic minimum services like primary education, health, drinking water, nutrition, rural housing, rural electrification and rural link road.
4. Wage component, especially under rural employment schemes, should not be included under SCSP /TSP.
5. Schemes to develop agriculture and allied activities like animal husbandry, dairy etc. that provide a source of livelihood to the SC and ST population should be included.
6. Innovative projects that draw upon institutional finance to supplement plan allocations may be drawn up.

Creation of general awareness of SCSP/TSP schemes

State Governments should take initiative to generate awareness among the general public about the schemes to be implemented/being implemented for the development of SCs and STs by the different departments of the State Governments through electronic and print media.

Monitoring of SCSP and TSP

1. State and District/Block level Monitoring Committees should be constituted to monitor the implementation of various schemes under SCSP and TSP of various development departments. The District/Block level committees may review the progress of implementation of schemes and utilization of funds on monthly basis and the State level committees may review the progress on quarterly basis.
2. District and Block level committees may be constituted on the pattern of District and Block level committee constituted by the Ministry of Rural Development by involving elected members (MPs, MLAs and Panchayat members, and other prominent leaders in the districts) or the same committees may be entrusted with the responsibilities for monitoring of these programmes.
3. The nodal department should ensure timely release of funds to the concerned development departments who in turn should ensure immediate release of funds soon after the receipts of funds from nodal department to their field level implementing agencies. Any lapse on the part of field level implementing agencies in timely utilization of funds and proper implementation of the schemes may be viewed seriously.
4. Non-earmarking of funds under SCSP and TSP may result in non-approval of Plans of the States/UTs.
5. Ministries of Social Justice & Empowerment and Tribal Affairs will be actively involved in the process of finalization of Annual Plans of the States/UTs.
6. Evaluation to assess the impact of economic development schemes implemented under SCSP, on the socio-economic conditions of SCs may be get conducted by the nodal department on regular basis. Dissemination of information to SCs all over the State/UT about the schemes/programmes available for their development may be the responsibility of the nodal department. The nodal department may also ensure the follow up of the schemes implemented and maintenance of proper records on assets created under SCSP in District/Block etc.

Provision of basic facilities in Schedule Castes habitations

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, streetlights, sanitation, etc. are the facilities and services to be provided to Scheduled Caste habitations. Schools, health centers, veterinary dispensaries, cooperative societies libraries etc. are opened near their habitations. The location of these facilities improves 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 2001 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).

FUNDS EARMARKED FOR SCHEDULED CASTE SUB 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 scheme. 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 2001 census SCs account for 16.19% of the total population. Accordingly, it was ensured that the percentage of funds earmarked for SCSP was always in proportion to the percentage of SC population in the Union Territory. The allocations under SCSP for the Eighth Plan 1992-1997 and Ninth Plan 1997-2002 are as follows :

Tenth Plan

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	State Plan Outlay	Scheduled Caste Sub Plan Outlay	Percentage
2002-2003	41205.00	4347.34	10.55
2003-2004	46863.00	7302.93	15.58
2004-2005	61500.00	9947.50	16.17
2005-2006	92500.00	13762.00	14.88
2006-07	141000.00	21939.91	15.56

MONITORING OF SCHEDULED CASTE SUB PLAN

In the Union Territory of Puducherry, the implementation of Scheduled Caste Sub Plan is closely monitored through review meetings. As a result of close monitoring of schemes implemented under SCSP, the percentage of expenditure in

this Union Territory was always over 90%. The details of outlay and actual expenditure under SCSP since 1992-93 is given below:

Year	Outlay	Expenditure	%
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	2852.20	2852.30	100.00
1996-97	3258.30	2937.77	95.00
1997-98	3546.67	2874.00	81.04
1998-99	3268.01	3256.33	99.64
1999-2000	4352.68	4124.18	94.75
2000-2001	4199.70	4098.03	97.58
2001-2002	4024.25	3996.78	99.31
2002-2003	4347.34	4295.51	98.81
2003-2004	7302.93	6764.99	92.63
2004-2005	9947.50	9906.55	99.59
2005-2006	13762.00	11057.06	80.34
2006-2007	21939.91		

Being a small Union Territory, feedback is also received through field level officers and through public representatives (MLA's) on the implementation of SCSP in this Union Territory and short comings if any are quickly rectified for better utilization 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 were assisted under various economic development 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 Puducherry 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	2007-12 Target Proposed	2004-05 Achieve- ment	2005-06 Achieve- ment	2006-07		2007-08 Target Proposed
				Target	Likely achieve- ment	
D.R.D.A.	180	1417	75	50	50	36
Agriculture	2500	655	600	650	650	700
Industries	3000	534	330	330	350	500
Adi Dravidar Development Corporation	13750	112	1264	1250	591	2750
Total	19430	2718	2269	2280	1641	3986

Special Central Assistance

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India release Special Central Assistance (SCA) every year as an additive to Scheduled Caste Sub Plan to States / Union Territories from the budget of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. According to the guidelines, Special Central Assistance should be utilised in conjunction with Scheduled Caste Sub Plan for filling the critical gaps and for providing missing inputs on viable schemes for Economic Development of Scheduled Castes families. The income generating scheme 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 of 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.

The Puducherry Adi-Dravidar Development Corporation has been set up by the Puducherry Government under the Companies Act, 1956 to serve as a model institution for financing development schemes for SCs and to liaise with various financial and other agencies for the purpose of identifying various financial and other agencies for the purpose of identifying various trades/ business /professions and

other economic activities of importance to SCs so as to fill the critical gaps in the existing programmes and to generate employment and increase their economical level and to upgrade skills by providing training facilities directly in the institutions or in collaboration with the Agencies in the field.

In order to achieve these objectives, the Corporation has formulated various self-employment schemes to benefit the SCs who are living below the poverty line.

The list of self-employment schemes implemented by Adidraavidar Development Corporation is given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme
1.	Dairy
2.	Poultry
3.	Goat rearing
4.	Duck rearing
5.	Tyre cart with bullocks
6.	Power Sprayer
7.	General Engineering Works
8.	Foot wear manufacturing unit
9.	Wood & can furniture manufacturing
10.	Grocery shop
11.	Petty shop
12.	Fire wood shop
13.	Mobile vending
14.	Carpentry
15.	Laundry
16.	Motorized-cycle rickshaw
17.	Auto-rickshaw
18.	Sound service
19.	Tailoring
20.	Other Engineering / activities

Besides, the Corporation also sponsors SC candidates to upgrade their skills through training.

The list of training schemes to which SC candidates are sponsored by Adidraavidar Development Corporation is given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme
1.	Computer operation
2.	Typewriting / Shorthand
3.	Tailoring
4.	LMV driving
5.	Auto rickshaw driving
6.	Electrical goods repairing
7.	Auto mechanism
8.	Television Mechanism
9.	Turning
10.	Welding
11.	Paper mash toy making
12.	Stone / wood carving
13.	Gem cutting & polishing
14.	Cane / nylon wire knitting
15.	Korai mat weaving
16.	Leather goods manufacturing
17.	Khadi spinning
18.	Khadi soap manufacturing

Family oriented cum income generating schemes for development of Scheduled castes which can be funded under Special Central Assistance as communicated by Government of India vide their letter D.O. No.19020/35/93-SCD.VI dated 29.7.1993.

1. AGRICULTURE

- a) Training - cum - demonstration to Scheduled Caste farmers.
- b) Distribution of seeds/fertilizers, mini-kits and pesticides to Scheduled Caste farmers in addition to the usual programmes of Agriculture Department.
- c) Commercial crops programme in Scheduled Caste cultivator's land
- d) High yielding variety programme in Scheduled Caste cultivator's land in addition to the usual programme of Agriculture Department.

- e) Assistance to persons/landless agricultural laborers belonging to Scheduled Castes for reclamation / development of their lands.

2. HORTICULTURE

- a) Taking up fruit and vegetable plantation in Scheduled Caste beneficiary land.
- b) Training of Scheduled Castes in growing, marketing of fruits and vegetable produce.
- c) Small nurseries seed farms incidental to the above programmes.

3. LAND REFORMS

- a) Assistance to Scheduled Caste families who have been distributed surplus land for developing and cultivating the land.
- b) Preparation of land records having 50 percent or more Scheduled population.

4. MINOR IRRIGATION

- a) Check-dams, diversion channels, water harvesting structures, dug wells, tube wells, cooperative life points for Scheduled Caste groups / community in areas having 50% or more Scheduled Caste beneficiaries.
- b) Subsidy / assistance to individual beneficiaries for dug wells, tube wells, irrigation pump sets and farm ponds.

5. SOIL CONSERVATION

- a) Plantation of flood and fruit species as part of soil conservation measures.

6. ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

- a) Supply of milk cattle, poultry, goat, sheep, pigs and duck units to scheduled caste families.
- b) Assistance to dairy and poultry cooperatives societies in the areas with substantial Scheduled Caste population

7. FORESTRY

- a) Development of social and agro-forestry benefiting Scheduled Caste families.

8. FISHERIES

- a) Assistance to Scheduled Caste families for pisciculture.
- b) Training of Scheduled Castes in fish production, collection etc.,
- c) Development of Scheduled Caste fishermen cooperatives
- d) Subsidy/assistance to Scheduled Caste fishermen to purchase fishing boats, nets etc.

9. VILLAGE AND SMALL INDUSTRIES

- a) Skill development training to traditional Scheduled Caste artisans in modern methods of production.
- b) Assistance to Scheduled Caste artisans / craftsmen for setting up of business and small and cottage industries
- c) Entrepreneurship development training to scheduled castes.
- d) Bee keeping
- e) Sericulture
- f) Introduction of new craft programmes among Scheduled Caste families.

10. COOPERATIVES

- a) Formation of new cooperatives and strengthening existing cooperatives with substantial Scheduled Caste members for promoting ventures in traditional occupations like leather works, weaving and brick making etc.
- b) Strengthening of consumer cooperatives, labour cooperatives and other cooperatives having a substantial number of Scheduled Caste members
- c) Working capital assistance to Scheduled Caste cooperatives engaged in production of consumable items etc.
- d) Training to Scheduled Caste members of cooperatives in Management and administration of cooperatives
- (e) Processing/ marketing cooperatives.

11. EDUCATION

- a) Establishment and running of residential schools in areas having low-level literacy.
- b) Repairs and proper upkeep of existing schools/hostels meant for Scheduled Castes.

12. SCHEDULED CASTE WOMEN

- a) Assistance to Scheduled Caste Women and their cooperatives for their production and marketing of consumer goods.
- b) Training of Scheduled Caste women in schemes designed to improve family earning.

13. ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT

- a) Programmes of improvement of ecology and environment having a bearing on family oriented economic programmes.

14. MINIMUM NEEDS PROGRAMME

- a) Establishment of dispensaries / hospitals / centers for Homeopathic, Naturopathic and Yogic cures in areas having 50% or more Scheduled Caste population
- (b) Establishment of mobile medical dispensaries so that all areas of SC concentration can be targeted for the provision of health services.
- (c) Provision of electric supply and light to the Scheduled Caste habitats.
- d) Provision of drinking water to Scheduled Caste habitats where there are no drinking water facilities.
- e) Development of village link roads and small C.D. works in areas/blocks having 50% or more Scheduled Caste population.

During the Eighth Plan 1992-97, and Ninth Plan 1997-2002 Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment released a sum of Rs.245.888 lakh as Special Central Assistance and entire allocation was placed at the disposal of Adidravidar Development Corporation. The details of SCA released during the Tenth Plan are as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Allocation	Expenditure*
2002-2003	5.81	5.81
2003-2004	3.13	3.13
2004-2005	7.35	7.35
2005-2006	4.79	4.79

* The entire allocation was released to Puducherry Adi-dravidar Development Corporation (PADCO).

PUDUCHERRY ADIDRAVIDAR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD. (PADCO)

The Puducherry Adi-Dravidar Development Corporation Limited is a Government of Puducherry 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 Puducherry. 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 lakhs as against the Authorised Share Capital of Rs.500.00 lakhs as on March 2002. The Govt. of India and Govt. of Puducherry are contributing share Capital to PADCO in the ratio of 49.51. The corporation is managed by the Board of Directors having representation from the UT Government and Central Government.

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

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

A. WELFARE SCHEMES EXTENDED TO ADIDRAVIDAR COMMUNITY:

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

Under this scheme, the Adidravidar 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 shared by the Corporation and the beneficiary on 50:50 basis.

2. 50% of the Unit cost or Rs.6,000/- whichever is less is released as subsidy to the loan disbursing banks from the grants to be adjusted against the loan amount.
3. The disbursing banks will release remaining portion of the unit cost 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 Beneficiaries Assisted	Margin Money (Rs.)	Subsidy (Rs.)	Bank Loan (Rs.)	Total Loan (Rs.)
1	1987-88	305	5,42,475	5,66,920	16,02,980	21,69,900
2	1988-89	546	4,37,918	10,33,471	7,18,201	17,51,672
3	1989-90	614	7,52,296	15,65,225	14,43,959	30,09,184
4	1990-91	788	4,82,949	8,28,768	11,03,028	19,31,796
5	1991-92	649	13,27,026	18,61,768	34,46,608	53,08,104
6	1992-93	702	10,15,715	19,34,990	21,27,870	40,62,860
7	1993-94	762	9,99,639	17,92,525	22,06,031	39,98,556
8	1994-95	630	10,94,958	19,27,233	24,52,599	43,79,832
9	1995-96	574	11,32,121	20,46,843	24,81,641	45,28,484
10	1996-97	584	11,79,213	21,62,620	25,54,232	47,16,852
11	1997-98	493	9,20,102	17,40,154	19,40,254	36,80,408
12	1998-99	506	10,28,900	20,14,775	21,00,825	41,15,600
13	1999-00	484	11,10,724	20,54,517	23,88,379	44,42,896
14	2000-01	668	31,05,508	28,52,250	29,28,750	57,81,000
15	2001-02	689	18,78,875	37,06,750	38,13,750	75,02,500
16	2002-03	688	21,53,000	42,59,000	43,12,000	85,71,000
17	2003-04	275	11,27,000	22,22,000	22,87,000	45,09,000
18	2004-05	106	3,93,000	7,73,000	7,83,000	15,56,000
19	2005-06	764	30,14,725	59,59,950	59,99,950	1,19,59,950
20	2006-07	229	7,71,000	15,03,000	15,93,000	30,96,000
(upto 31-12-2006)						
TOTAL		11,056	2,44,67,144	4,28,05,759	4,82,84,057	9,10,71,594

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 of Rs.250/-, Rs.750/-, Rs.1500/- and Rs.2,000/- depending upon their educational qualification is paid to the trainees during the training period besides the Course fees to the Training Institutions from this present financial year 2005-06 onwards.

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	423	11.90
14	2002-2003	536	24.80
15	2003-2004	599	18.88
16	2004-2005	Nil	28.79
17	2005-2006	468	13.61
18	2006-2007 (upto 31-12-2006)	79	30.17
	Total	6515	250.06

Some of the fields of training are imparted are as follows: -

1. Computer operation (Data Entry and Programming)
2. Typewriting / Shorthand
3. Tailoring
4. LMV Driving
5. Auto driving
6. Electrical Goods repairing
7. Auto Mechanism
8. T.V Mechanism
9. Welding/Turning
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.10,000/- or 50% of the project cost whichever is less, is granted to the beneficiaries who are below the poverty line. PADCO extends loan under this scheme by obtaining 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 October 2005 PADCO has extended term loan to 341 beneficiaries to the tune of 567.13 lakhs for various 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)
1.	1993-1994	50	14.85	5.00	19.85
2.	1995-1996	19	14.51	5.58	20.09
3.	1996-1997	23	30.81	15.64	46.45
4.	1997-1998	23	18.90	9.97	28.87
5.	1998-1999	30	66.12	19.83	85.95
6.	1999-2000	36	57.83	9.95	67.78
7.	2000-2001	32	50.99	9.62	60.61
8.	2001-2002	37	71.22	10.77	81.99
9.	2002-2003	48	70.33	12.56	82.89
10.	2003-2004	31	50.50	8.30	58.80
11.	2004-2005	6	6.55	1.30	7.85
12.	2005-2006	5	6.55	1.38	8.13
13.	2006-2007	2	2.35	0.60	2.95
(upto 31.12.2006)					
TOTAL		342	461.51	110.50	572.21

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

Government of Puducherry have nominated PADCO as Channelising agency for the UT of Puducherry 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 4-7% 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. All Safai Karamcharis in the age of 18 to 50 years are eligible for availing the loan. Preference is given to the identified Scavengers and their family members.

Under this scheme of NSKFDC, for the year 2005-2006 (till October 2005) PADCO has extended the term loan to 225 beneficiaries to the tune of Rs.54.09 lakhs for various schemes.

Sl. No.	Year	Beneficiary	NSKFDC Share	PADCO Share	Total
1	2001-02	74	14.07	1.26	15.33
2	2002-03	59	11.64	5	13.59
3	2003-04	67	15.05	1.64	16.69
4	2004-05	21	6.70	0.53	7.23
5	2005-06	4	1.20	0.05	1.25
6	2006-07 (Upto 31-12-2006)	30	6.50	1.15	7.65
	Total	255	55.16	6.58	61.74

ADIDRAVIDAR WELFARE DEPARTMENT

The Adidravidar Welfare Department is implementing various innovative schemes for the welfare of SC community under the following two categories

- a) Scheme for educational improvements, training, self employment to the Scheduled Caste population
- b) 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 textbooks, 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, this department runs 350 tutorial centres. 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 Puducherry, 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 Puducherry, 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, financial assistance has been increased 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 Puducherry. 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 is Rs.26,818/-.

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 persuing their education from VI to XII Std.

Region-wise details of SC hostels are given below:

Region	Government Building		Rented Building		Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
Puducherry	7	1	2	3	13
Karaikal	5	1	1	2	9
Yanam	-	1	1	-	2
Total	12	3	4	5	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 6th, 7th and 8th are paid at the rate of Rs.150/- per year and students in 9th and 10th 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, 3000 SC students of IX standard were covered. Now the scheme has been transferred to Social Welfare Department to cover both SC and BC students.

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.

Day Scholars	Quantum of Assistance
I to V std	Rs.25/- per month
VI to VIII std.	Rs.40/- per month
IX to X std.	Rs.50/- per month
Hostellers	Quantum of Assistance
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	425/-	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 Puducherry 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 Institutes in the Union Territory of Puducherry to encourage them to develop technical skills and enable them to get job or to start industry.

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/- is awaited.

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

In order of 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 halls after construction are handed over to the concerned Commune Panchayat/Municipalities for upkeep and maintenance. It is proposed to construct 3 community halls during 2006-2007.

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 1st and 2nd 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. It is further enhanced to Rs.40,000 from 2003-04 onwards. 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.

Agriculture

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

As per the Agricultural Census 1995-96 the details of land holdings cultivated by the scheduled caste farmers is as follows:

Region	No. of farmers			Area operated in hect.		
	Total	SC	%	Total	SC	%
Puducherry	22208	855	3.85	17362	501	2.88
Karaikal	8714	845	9.70	10567	756	7.05
Mahe	2395	-	-	759	-	-
Yanam	588	101	17.17	849	78	9.19
Total	33905	1801	5.31	29537	1335	4.52

Details of Tenth Plan Expenditure and Eleventh Plan outlay under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sector	Tenth Plan			Eleventh Plan		
	Total Expenditure (including anticipated 2006-07 expenditure)	Expenditure SCP (Including 2006-07 Whole Expenditure)	%	Total Outlay	Outlay under SCP	%
Agriculture	11709.46	1279.57	10.93	29750	3153.00	10.60
Minor Irrigation	1473.56	35.00	2.37	2852	145.00	5.08
Total	13183.02	1314.57	9.97	32602	3298.00	10.11

During Tenth Plan 9.97 % of Total Outlay was spent under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan plan. During Tenth Plan out of total expenditure of Rs.1314.57 lakhs under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan plan Rs.533 lakhs was spent under the schemes of PAJANCOA and KVK, which are only indirect benefits.

But the percentage of area operated under SC farmers holding is only 4.52 and hence during Eleventh Plan the outlay proposed under SCP will be around 10.11% percentage.

The Scheme wise Details of proposed outlay and SCP during Eleventh Plan is detailed hereunder.

Sl. No.	<u>Name of the Scheme</u>	Eleventh Plan proposed outlay 2007-12	Proposed outlay for Annual Plan 2007-08
1.	Crop Production Technology	404	76
2.	Scheme for diversification in Agriculture through Horticultural Crops (Integrated Scheme for the Development of Horticultural Crops)	299	43
3.	Agricultural College and Krishi Vigyan Kendra	1400	226
4.	Promotion of Agricultural Mechanization	310	58
5.	Puducherry Agricultural Workers Welfare Society (Scheme for Welfare Society for Agricultural Labourers)	330	70
NEW SCHEMES UNDER ELEVENTH PLAN			
6.	Pilot project on sustainable agriculture through organic farming	25	5
7.	Scheme for Hi-tech horticulture through precision farming and technological intervention	265	200
8.	Scheme for promoting crop Insurance	27	7
9.	Scheme for setting up of relief fund to provide assistance to farmers.	75	15
10.	Scheme for un-employed agriculture graduates for setting up of Agri- business enterprises.	18	3
	Total	3153	703

Agriculture Sector:

During the Tenth Plan under the Crop Production Technology the inputs such as seeds, zinc sulphate, gypsum, bio fertilizers, DAP for foliar spray, micro nutrient mixture, PP equipments & PP chemicals are distributed at 75% subsidy to Scheduled Caste farmers. The green manure seeds and organic manures, neem cake and enriched compost are distributed at 100% subsidy. Under promotion of Agricultural mechanization 50% subsidy is provided for purchase of tractor subject to a maximum of Rs. 1.50 lakhs, 50% subsidy is provided for purchase of power tillers subject to a maximum of Rs.0.75 lakh. Under the Horticultural Development Scheme for fruit seedlings are distributed at 100 % subsidy cost to Scheduled caste farmers.

Under the scheme “Purchase and Distribution of lands to landless rural scheduled caste people” an amount of Rs.200.00 lakhs was drawn and placed at disposal of PASIC in order to purchase of lands, which will be allotted to scheduled caste rural people to undertake cultivation by retaining temporarily. The Krishi Vigyan Kendra also Organised training programmes for scheduled caste farm youths in which they were trained in agriculture and allied activities.

During Eleventh 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 Eleventh 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.

Though the new schemes introduced in the XI Five Year Plan, SC farmers will be provided assistance in organic farming and hi-tech horticulture through precision farming. The insurance premium paid by the SC farmers for crop insurance will be fully subsidized during the XI Five Year Plan. Unemployed agricultural graduates belonging to SC will be provided financial assistance for setting up agri-business enterprises.

Animal Husbandry and Animal Welfare

The broad objectives of this department are to safeguard the health of all farm animals and to sustain and further improve their productivity. The efforts of the department since many years were, therefore directed towards development of necessary infrastructure in the Union Territory for extending Veterinary Health coverage and breeding facilities.

The Livestock health delivery system, being adopted by this department, is of very intensive nature. The livestock health problems are effectively tackled in a regular and routine manner by the field level institutions established at strategic points in the Union Territory. On account of this intensive health coverage by way of treatment and control, this territory is free from any major diseases casualties during the last one and half decades.

In the Eleventh Plan 2007-12, it is proposed to do 40,000 preventive vaccinations to animals / birds. In the year 2005-06, 88,000 animals / birds were

vaccinated against contagious diseases. The target fixed for the year 2006-07 is 1,30,000. The proposed target for the year 2007-08 is 80,000.

It is proposed to purchase 1,25,000 Frozen Semen doses for Artificial Insemination to increase productivity of cross-bred cows in the Eleventh Plan. In the year 2005-06, 22,000 Frozen Semen doses have been purchased. The target fixed for 2006-07 is 25,000 and proposed to purchase 1,000 doses of buck semen. The proposed target for the year 2007-08 is 25,000 doses proposed to purchase 1,000 doses of buck semen.

500 Elite Milch Animals are proposed to be selected during the Eleventh Plan Period 2007-12 for building up an Elite Stock. In the year 2005-06, 200 Milch Animals were selected in the scheme. The target fixed for the year 2006-07 is 100. The target proposed for the year 2006-07 is 100 Elite Milch animals. 6,500 cash awards proposed in the Eleventh Plan for rearing female calves to build up an Elite Stock. During the year 2005-06, 1300 cash prizes were awarded in the scheme. During the year 2006-07, 1300 cash awards to be distributed. 1300 awards proposed in the Annual Plan 2006-07 as modified calf rally.

During the Eleventh Plan Period it is proposed to purchase 1200 goat units for distribution as assistance to BPL farmers 75% subsidy for better meat production. In the Annual Plan 2005-06, 120 bucks were purchased and distributed. 250-goat unit (4+1) were given to the SC beneficiaries on free of cost and 100 units (5+1) goat units were distributed to the Self Help Group members at 75% subsidy. In the year 2006-07, it is targeted to distribute 5+1 unit to BPL farmers at 75% subsidy for 300 beneficiaries. It is targeted to distribute 240 goat units to BPL beneficiaries at 75% subsidy in the year 2007-08.

In Special Livestock Breeding Programme, during the Eleventh Plan Period it is proposed to induct 3000 female calves for distribution of subsidized feed to rear the calves. The target achieved during the annual plan 2005-06 is 500. The target fixed for the year 2006-07 is 600 female calves. During the year 2007-08, 600 heifer calves to be distributed for widows on free of cost.

Under the scheme Livestock and Poultry Research & Extension Centre, during the Eleventh Plan Period 2007-12, it is proposed to purchase 30,000 Giriraja /Girirani Chicks and 5000 Turkeys for distribution. The target achieved during the annual plan 2005-06 is 1600 Giriraja Chicks, 4,000 Girirani Chicks, 1000 Commercial Chicks, 1000 Turkey poults were purchased and distributed at 50% subsidy. 1,000 commercial chicks were purchased for the farm stock and distributed to the public at 50% subsidy. 3600 number of 16 week pullets were purchased and distributed to below poverty line farmers beneficiaries on free of cost (each 5 birds). The target fixed for the year 2006-07, 1000 turkey poults and 1800 commercial chicks to be purchased and distributed. 527 unit of 15 no of 18 week layer pullets (7900) were purchased and distributed to farmers on free of cost. The target proposed for the year 2007-08 is 6,000 Girirani/Giriraja chicks and 1000 turkey poults. In the year 2007-08, 1,000 units 15 nos of layer pullets at the age of 18 week (15,000 birds) are to be distributed.

School Education

Education is one of the important social sectors to eradicate social disparity and economic inequality in the society. As per 2001 census the literacy rate of SC people is 69.10% (Male: 78.40% and Female: 60.00%). The position in the 1991-census was 56.26% (Male 66.10% and Female 46.28%). There are 42,969 SC students from class I to XII in this UT as against the total enrolment of 2,35,094 representing 18.28%. The goal of this UT administration is to achieve universalisation of Secondary Education by 2012 as announced by Hon'ble Chief Minister in the Budget Speech. Once this is achieved the literacy rate among the SC girls at Higher Secondary level is more than the Boys as there are 1579 SC girls against 1547 SC boys. Even though the literacy rate of SC people in this UT is more than the National average (41.90%), it is the endeavor of this Government to increase the literacy rate, ensure retention and to reduce drop out in the Eleventh Five Year Plan. For achieving the above objective the government is implementing various welfare / incentive schemes in Education Department such as "free supply of text books, stationery, uniform and foot wear scheme" where the benefit directly flows to the SC people. During 2005-06 43,936 SC students were benefited under the free supply scheme. During the Annual Plan 2006-07, 45,513 SC students are expected to be benefited under the above scheme. For the Eleventh Five year 2007-2012 and the Annual Plan 2007-08 the target will be 2,38,940 (cum) SC students and 47,788 SC students respectively under free supply scheme. Under Mid-day meals and Breakfast scheme, 36,750 SC students were benefited. For the Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007-2012 and Annual Plan 2007-08 the target will be 61,500 SC students and 43,000 SC students respectively.

Under various training programmes for teachers conducted by State Training Centre, 33 SC teachers were benefited during 2005-06. During 2006-07 SC Teachers will be benefited. For the Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007-2012 and Annual Plan 2007-08, the target will be 500 SC Teachers and 80 SC teachers respectively.

Besides the aforesaid scheme, in respect of other developmental scheme where direct benefit cannot be fixed, it is ensured that the benefit flows to SC students alongwith general students.

Further, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (Education for all) aims promoting social justice through basic education. To focus on the education of SC children the following activities are carried out under SSA:

- (i) Establishment of Night schools in SC populated area (520 SC students benefited)
- (ii) Conduct of special coaching classes for slow learners among SC children (240 SC students benefited).
- (iii) Coaching classes for the SC children to attend the entrance exam conducted by Navodaya Vidyalaya
- (iv) To cover dropout children, alternative schools have been opened (55 SC students have been benefited).

Industries

District Industries Centre (DIC) provides all services and support to the small entrepreneurs in the preparation of suitable schemes and assists in getting the required licences and clearances. It also arranges for the training in the field of Engineering, Electrical, Technology, Handicrafts, and Coir. District Industries Centre arranges loan, through Nationalised Bank, for setting up of Small Industries. Under the Training Schemes, preferences given to SC candidates and the achievement is more than the yardstick prescribed by Government of India and every year the prescribed target is achieved. Funds for benefit of Scheduled Caste community have been included in various schemes of DIC. In the Tenth Five Year Plan, upto 2005-2006, Rs.427.93 lakhs were spent benefiting 1529 SC people. For the year 2006-07, Rs.123.42 lakhs is proposed to be spent to benefit 690 SC people. During the Eleventh Five Year Plan, it is proposed to spend, an amount of Rs.1105.00 lakhs to benefit 5500 SC people under the schemes implemented by DIC.

During the Eleventh Five Year Plan period 2007-2012, it is proposed to encourage setting up of 1000 Micro, Small, Medium and Large Enterprises providing employment opportunity to 10,000 persons, out of which 1,000 SC persons would be benefited. Under the subsidy scheme "Motivation of entrepreneurs to start industries", SC persons will also be benefited.

Health

- ❖ The Scheduled Caste population in Mannadipet commune and Nettapakkam commune in Puducherry region and Thirunallar commune in Karaikal region are comparatively high, CHCs at Mannadipet, Karikalampakkam and Thirunallar are brought under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan Programme so as to provide better medical treatment to the SC population in these three communes.
- ❖ Essential equipments and adequate drugs were provided to these Health Institutions for optimum utilization by the said section of people.
- ❖ Under the SCP funds, sophisticated equipments were provided to the General Hospital and Maternity Hospital, Puducherry to extent adequate treatment facilities to the SC population.
- ❖ To provide assistance to the SC beneficiaries of Karaikal region with latest medical technology, the institutions in Karaikal are also being strengthened.
- ❖ IEC bureau is highlighting the various Health facilities available in the UT of Puducherry to the SC population through culture programmes, seminars; film shows etc., so as to enable to fully utilize the said facilities by them.
- ❖ Grant-in-Aid to Puducherry Medical College, Mahatma Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Dental Sciences and Mother Theresa Institute of Health Sciences, Puducherry under SCP head has been earmarked and utilized for the welfare of the SC population.

- ❖ Construction of sub-centre at Kanakalpet in Yanam.
- ❖ 24 hours medical services in PHCs at Kalapet, Katterikuppam.
- ❖ 24 hours nursing facilities in PHCs at Karayampurthur, Sedarapet and Thirukannur and two shifting nursing facilities at Koodapakkam and Sorapet.
- ❖ Establishing a new sub center at Vambapet in Puducherry region.
- ❖ Installation of Incinerator for the CHC, Manadipet and Ultra sound scan for the CHC, Karikalampakkam.
- ❖ Acquisition of land and construction of building for the following sub-centres at Madagadipet, Sellipet, Manalipet, Odiampet.
- ❖ The department is not in position to exclusively earmark treatment facility to SC population alone in any institution; separate specific scheme has not formulated.
- ❖ Upgrading the PHCs at Villianur, Bahour and Nettapakkam as 30 bedded hospitals.
- ❖ Expansion of the CHC, Thirunallar into a 100 bedded peripheral Hospital

Labour

All the schemes under the Labour & Labour Welfare are in-divisible sector. All the schemes are operated in the public interest. No separate scheme exclusively being operated for the benefits of SC people by the Labour Department. However, utmost care has been taken to extend benefits indirectly to SC people. Under the following schemes SCP provisions have been made separately.

- ❖ Expansion of Rural Labour Welfare centers
- ❖ Strengthening of Employment Exchanges
- ❖ Expansion of Government Industrial Training Institutes
- ❖ Setting up rural ITI at Mahe, Yanam and Nettapakkam
- ❖ Grant-in-aid to Franco Indian Vocational Training Institute
- ❖ Grant-in-aid to the Puducherry Labourers Welfare Society
- ❖ Employment Oriented Training to Physically Challenged person
- ❖ Centre of Excellence for Plastic Processing at Industrial Training Institute
- ❖ Grant of Financial assistance to the unemployed youth.

During the Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007-2012 the following on going programmes are to be continued as follows:

- ❖ Free nutrition noon-meals and pre-school education has to be provided to the SC people children.
- ❖ Spot registration camps has to be enhanced and targeted all the eligible SC candidates has to be registered.
- ❖ Career Guidance, Seminars, Self Employment motivation programmes has to be provided to the SC people
- ❖ 16% of the sanctioned ITI seats of various trades are to be filled with SC candidates without any short fall.
- ❖ 20% of apprentices seats has to be engaged with the SC trainees without any short fall.

Water Supply

It is proposed to provide clean drinking water supply to all the Scheduled Caste villages and habitations and for improvements and developments of Water supply to these hamlets. During the Tenth Five Year Plan, the important major works construction of over Head tanks, bore wells, sumps and laying of pipe lines of water supply to coastal villages at Bahour village, Thiruvandarkoil village, Kaduvanur village, Thondamanathampet village, Anitha Nagar and at various villages in Puducherry, Karaikal and Yanam. Installation and commissioning of Iron Removal plant at Thengaihitu village, etc. have been undertaken.

During Eleventh Five Year Plan, it is proposed to achieve uninterrupted safe drinking water to the Scheduled Caste populated areas. It is proposed to identify good water source and supply water to SC hamlets through pipeline. It was also proposed to install and commission the Iron removal plants wherever necessary in order to remove the salinity and iron content in the drinking water and to overcome water quality problems prevailing in the Scheduled Caste populated areas.

Urban Development

The area of Puducherry is 293 sq. km. of which the urban area of Puducherry region is about 22-33 sq. km with a population of 4 to 5 lakhs. For implementing the comprehensive sewerage facilities Puducherry urban area has been divided into nine zones namely Puducherry, Muthialpet, Mudaliarpet, Nellithope, Lawspet, Thattanchavady, Muthirapalayam, Moolakulam and Reddiarpalayam. During the Tenth Five Year Plan, Zone-I and Zone-II and a part of Zone-IV have been covered. The areas, which have remaining zones, will be covered. The areas, which have predominated Scheduled Caste population, will be benefited. In Karaikal underground drainage system has been proposed in order to ensure preventing pollution of water bodies and to get rid from the menace of mosquitoes and outbreak of diseases. It is proposed to take up the scheme in five zones of Karaikal town connecting Thalatheru on the North of Arasalar River on the south.

Social Welfare

For the year 2004-05, a sum of Rs.270.26 lakhs have been spent for the coverage of SC beneficiaries under various schemes implemented by the department. For the year 2005-06, a sum of Rs.311.32 lakhs was incurred for the coverage of SC beneficiaries. An outlay of Rs.600.00 lakhs has been earmarked for the year 2006-2007 as SCP component.

The benefits derived by the SC people are mainly from the following schemes:

- (i) Home for Orthopaedically Handicapped Children at Puducherry and Karaikal / Anandarangapillai Government Special School for Visually Handicapped and Hearing impaired / mentally retarded.
- (ii) Welfare programme for the disabled persons.
- (iii) Scheme for the welfare of Children in need of care and protection
- (iv) Distribution of blankets and chappals to the poor senior citizens.
- (v) Homes for Juvenile Delinquents
- (vi) Beggar Home.
- (vii) Free Distribution of rice.

With all these efforts it is hoped that the welfare schemes of the Social Welfare Department will have a new outlook and bring meaningful development in the lives of the weaker sections.

Cooperative (Housing)

Under the scheme assistance to Housing Cooperatives, the SC members of the Cooperative Housing Societies are provided with interest subsidy to reduce their interest burden. During the year 2007-08, it is proposed to provide an amount of Rs.59.00 lakhs as interest subsidy @ 4% to SC members under SCP component. Further an amount of Rs.345.00 lakh has been earmarked towards granting of interest subsidy @ 4% to SC members for the Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007-2012.

Welfare of Backward Classes

The Adidravidar Welfare Department is implementing various innovative schemes for the welfare of SC community under the following two categories.

1. Schemes for educational improvements, training self-employment to the Scheduled Castes population.
2. Schemes for social and economic development of scheduled caste population.

During the Tenth Plan 14257 students were benefited by pre-matric scholarship. Opportunity Cost was paid to 34555 parents of SC students. Free clothing items were supplied to 1,35,000 SC people. 1200 free house site pattas were distributed to homeless SC people. Financial Assistance was released to 3700 brides and pregnant and lactating mothers. Construction subsidy was given to 800 SC homeless people. Grant-in-aid was released to local bodies for taking up 100 civic works and construction of 10 community halls. In 28 boys and girls hostels are functioning in all the three regions and 15000 students were benefited. 474 SC women were given vocational training.

During the Eleventh Plan, it is proposed to start three more hostels so as to benefit 1500 students. Presently, 15 hostels are functioning in own buildings and the rest in private buildings, where facilities are not fully available. It is therefore proposed to construct own building for the sixteen hostels, which includes 3 new hostels proposed in the Eleventh Plan. 40000 SC girls students would be benefited by opportunity cost scholarship. It is proposed to cover 175000 SC beneficiaries for free supply of clothing items. 700 homeless SC people will be allotted free house site pattas and given housing subsidy at the rate of Rs.1 lakh per family. Fifteen community halls and ten toilet blocks will be constructed in the rural areas through Commune Panchayats. It is proposed to give financial assistance to 2000 poor brides and 3000 pregnant and lactating women. About 20000 SC students will be given pre matric scholarships. 350 SC women will be given vocational training. It is proposed to enhance the rates of various incentives extended to the SC during the Eleventh Plan. Incentive will be given to adolescent girls and children in the age group of 0-3.

During the Annual Plan 2007-08, 8000 SC girls students will be benefited by opportunity:cost scholarship. 135000 SC beneficiaries will be covered by free supply of clothing items. 100 homeless persons will be allotted free house site pattas. It is proposed to benefit 350 SC poor brides and 600 pregnant and lactating women. It is also proposed to cover 10000 SC students by provision of coaching and allied facilities. About 4200 SC students will be awarded pre metric scholarships. 80 SC women will be given vocational training.

As a part of the welfare programmes of the Social Welfare Department it is proposed to distribute 21" Colour Television to all the BPL families who do not own a Colour Television. Around 80,000 people are expected to benefit from this programme over a period of three years. Further, there is a proposal to have own buildings for the Backward Class Hostels run by the Social Welfare Department. Further, grant-in-aid is being provided to the Backward Classes and Minority Development Corporation established with a specific aim to provide financial assistance to the Backward Classes and Minority people as term loan, educational loan, and loan for establishment of entrepreneurial ventures. Karaikal being upgraded as a district needs a Deputy Director with powers of Head of Office for speedy and efficient disposal of work. It is proposed to construct a building for the Orthopaedically Handicapped Children and to take up the renovation work for the aged home and construction of a new Backward class Hostel at Thalatheru in Karaikal. In order to cope up with the demands of the paperless administration and E-Governance the Department proposes to computerize and network the Department's Sub Offices, Homes, and Hostels etc.