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Subject:- Action Plan for the financial year 2020-21 and calling proposals for the financial year 2020-21 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, the Budget allocation for the financial year 2020-21 under Demand No. 92 is as under:-

Major Head	Budget Allocation (₹ in lakh)
'3601' Grant-in-aid to the State Governments	53600.00
2225 (UTs without legislature)	100.00
3602 Grant-in-aid to Union Territory Governments	200.00
2552 (North Eastern Areas)	1100.00
Total	55000 .00

2. This Scheme was commenced in the year 1974-75. Initially the scheme provided Central Assistance to the State Governments and Union Territory administrations towards effective implementation of the Acts namely, the Untouchability (Offences) Act, 1955 (22 of 1955), enacted and notified on 08.05.1955, in pursuance of provisions of Article 17 of the Constitution of India which abolished "Untouchability", forbade its practice in any form and made enforcement of any disability arising out of "Untouchability" an offence punishable in accordance with law. Subsequently, this Act was amended and renamed in the year 1976 as the Protection of Civil Rights (PCR) Act, 1955. Another Act of Parliament namely the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities){PoA} Act, 1989, was enacted and brought into force on 31.01.1990 to prevent commissioning of atrocities against the members of the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and the Scheduled Tribes (STs), to provide Special Courts for the trial of such offences and to provide relief and rehabilitation of the victims of such atrocities. The scope of the Scheme was extended to cover the PoA Act, 1989 as well.

3. The funding pattern of the Scheme is such that total expenditure over and above the committed liability is shared on 50:50 basis between the Central Government and concerned State Government and the Union Territory administration receives 100% Central Assistance. The committed liability accrues only in respect of the recurring expenditure, which is confined to one aspect of this scheme that relates to strengthening of enforcement and judicial machinery viz, SC/ST Protection Cells, Special Police Stations, Exclusive Special Courts, Special Public Prosecutors and Exclusive Special Public Prosecutors for conducting cases in Special courts and Exclusive special courts respectively. The committed liability does not accrue for items of expenditure like provision of legal aid, relief, inter- caste marriages and publicity.

4. It is also proposed to set up Ultra Modern Toll Free Call Centre at each UT/State HQ to receive atrocity related complaints from the members of SC/STs. It is mentioned that the Call Centre would be set up in the financial year 2020-21 and 50 % share of the set-up cost will be borne by the Central Government. Detailed instructions shall be issued to States/UTs separately along with Web portal details.

5. The State/UT-wise tentative release of Central Assistance during 2020-21, has been worked out in Column. No. 5 based on the allocation of Rs. 536.00 crore for States (MH 3601) for the financial year 2020-21 (BE). Accordingly, the tentative allocation to the States is as given in the table below:-

(Amount in ₹ crore)

Sr.No.	State/UT	Central assistance utilized during the FY 2018-19	Projected utilization of Central Assistance during 2020-21, assuming appreciation of 30 % @ 15% per Financial Year over funds utilized in 2018-19 i.e. as shown in col.3.	Tentative limit of release of Central assistance during 2020-21 as per the budget allocation received (Reference Demand No.92)	Releasing of Central assistance as first installment, on <i>ad-hoc</i> basis in the first Quarter (25% of total amount for the FY 2020-21)	Balance amount to be released in Qtrs II, III, & IV of the FY year 2020-21 based on proposals to be received from the States with Utilization Certificates
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Andhra Pradesh	41.79	54.33	52.71	13.18	39.53
2	Bihar	12.2	15.86	15.39	3.85	11.54
3	Chhattisgarh	6.98	9.08	8.81	2.2	6.61
4	Goa	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.02
5	Gujarat	23.15	30.1	29.21	7.3	21.91
6	Haryana	11.65	15.14	14.69	3.67	11.02
7	Himachal Pradesh	2.35	3.05	2.96	0.74	2.22
8	Jharkhand	2.45	3.19	3.09	0.77	2.32
9	Karnataka	61.59	80.07	77.69	19.42	58.27
10	Kerala	10.4	13.52	13.12	3.28	9.84
11	Madhya Pradesh	61.11	79.45	77.08	19.27	57.81
12	Maharashtra	23.23	30.2	29.3	7.33	21.97
13	Odisha	15.79	20.52	19.91	4.98	14.93
14	Punjab	0	0	2	0.5	1.5
15	Rajasthan	16.74	21.76	19.11	4.78	14.33
16	Tamil Nadu	17.58	22.86	22.18	5.54	16.64
17	Telangana	16.92	22	21.34	5.34	16
18	Uttar Pradesh	96.8	125.83	122.09	30.52	91.57
19	Uttarakhand	1.02	1.32	1.28	0.32	0.96
20	West Bengal	3.18	4.13	4.01	1	3.01
	Total	424.96	552.45	536.00	134.00	402.00

6. Regarding to Union Territories (UTs with legislature, UTs without legislature) and NE States, there has been no State/UT-wise tentative allocation. Further the allocation of Rs. 1.00 Crore for UT without legislature, Rs. 2.00 Crore for UT with Legislature and Rs. 11.00 Crore for NE States seem to be sufficient to meet out the requirement so there is no need to limit the release. These releases will be based on the actual demand raised by States/UTs.
7. In the first Qtr of the financial year 2020-21, ad-hoc amount of Rs. 134 Crore of Central Assistance would be released notionally to the States / UTs without receipt of UCs so that no atrocity victim is left without providing relief under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme as it is a law based Scheme.
8. States / UTs which are not mentioned in the list given above, have been requested to send proposal for Central Assistance along with Utilisation Certificates under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of the Protection of Civil Right (PCR) Act, 1955 and the Prevention of Atrocity (POA) Act, 1989 so that Central Assistance can be released at the earliest.
9. All the States /UTs are required to submit Utilisation Certificate along with proposal for the financial year 2020-21 latest by 30.06.2020 to enable Department of Social Justice and Empowerment to release Central Assistance at the earliest.
10. This Action plan has been approved by the Honorable Minister, SJ&E, with the concurrence of IFD.
