**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)**

**Q. What are SCDCs?**

**R.** SCDCs are the State level Scheduled Castes Development Corporations, which are nodal agencies in the States. SCDCs extend loans, provide subsidy and training to the identified Scheduled Caste persons for undertaking projects for self employment.

**Q. What is the scheme?**

**R.** Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Assistance to Scheduled Castes Development Corporations, Government of India participates in the equity share capital of the SCDCs in the ratio of 49:51, 49% being Central equity and 51% that of the concerned State Govt.

**Q. Who are the target groups of SCDCs?**

**R.** SCDCs work for economic development of Scheduled Castes and Safai Karamcharis. Some SCDCs also work for other target groups like Scheduled Tribes, OBCs, Minorities, Handicapped persons etc.

**Q. What are the schemes of SCDCs?**

**R.** SCDCs offer loan, subsidy, training etc. for the self employment projects.

**Q. What are the trades/projects for which one can avail benefit of SCDC schemes?**

**R.** Applicant can select any economically viable scheme/project for self employment as per his qualification, experience and taste.

**Q. How can I get benefit of the schemes of SCDCs?**

**R.** For availing the benefit of the schemes of SCDCs one should contact the nearest office of the SCDC of the concerned States. SCDCs generally have theirs offices in each district of their States. From there, information about the schemes being offered by the SCDCs can be obtained and application for the desired schemes may be submitted alongwith the details/documents sought in the application form.