

The following are the important activities of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment during March, 2018.

Activities of the Department

(i) Out of total Budget of Rs 6908 crore for the Plan Schemes of this Department for the year 2017-18, expenditure of Rs 6683.73 crore (96.75%) was incurred. Further, as against a total Budget of Rs 71.80 crore for Non-Plan components, expenditure of Rs 66.30 crore (92.33%) was incurred.

(ii) National Survey of Manual Scavengers has commenced in 164 identified districts of 18 States to identify all those manual scavengers who were engaged to clean the insanitary latrines which have since been converted into sanitary latrines under Swachh Bharat Mission. Survey-cum-identification camps have already been held in 11 Districts of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telengana from 14/03/2018 to 28/03/2018 for the identification of manual scavengers.

(iii) Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC), in its meeting held on 22/02/2018 did not support the new component of "Setting up Residential Schools for SC Girls". The recommendations of EFC have been submitted for approval of Hon'ble Finance Minister.

(iv) EFC in its meeting held on 22/02/2018 supported the proposal for Revision and Continuation of National Fellowship Scheme for SC students for 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20. Recommendations of the EFC have been approved by Hon'ble Finance Minister on 27/3/2018.

(v) The Scheme of Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary and other Organisations working for Scheduled Castes has been revised. Revised guidelines accordingly issued on 16/03/2018 will be effective from 01/04/2018.

(vi) The tenure of the Commission constituted under article 340 of the Constitution on 02/10/2017 to examine the issue of Sub-categorisation within Other Backward Classes for the Central List has been extended for the second and final time by twelve weeks w.e.f. 28/03/2018. The Government has mandated that the Commission shall present its report by 20/06/2018.

Activities of the Corporations

(i) National Scheduled Caste Finance Development Corporation (NSFDC) signed Memorandum of Agreements with (i) Oriental Bank of Commerce, Gurgaon, Haryana for expanding outreach PAN India and (ii) MMTC Limited, New Delhi for implementation of Skill Development Training Programme with CSR fund of MMTC Limited.

(ii) National Backward Class Finance Development Corporation (NBCFDC) signed MoU with National Institute for Entrepreneurship & Small Business Development and tripartite Agreement between Tripura OBC Cooperative Development Corporation Ltd. and Directorate of Skill Development, Government of Tripura for imparting Skill Development Training to the members of Backward Classes in various States and to facilitate loan disbursement to the eligible beneficiaries.

(iii) NBCFDC and its channel partner (Kashi Gomti Samyut Gramin Bank) organized one Awareness Camp in Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh, where large numbers of beneficiaries attended the camp. The schemes of the Corporation were publicized and sanctions worth about Rs. 8 Crore were issued to more than 600 beneficiaries.

(iv) Under the CSR component during March, 2018, NBCFDC sanctioned following CSR projects worth Rs. 5,70,000 to benefit large number of OBC/Other poor communities:-

(a) Construction of Toilet Blocks: “Construction of three Toilet Blocks in three cluster Nibeta Mahila Hasta Silpa Samabaya Samity Ltd. Maslipur, Anganari Center, Ranir Bazar and Bamutia Handloom Handicraft, Bamutia Mohanpur, District- West Tripura , Tripura. About 300 families would be benefitted.

(b) NBCFDC commenced the “High Value Terracota Products Training Programme” for 51 potters at Gram Ganjalpur, District Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh on 25/3/2018 in technical collaboration with Central Glass & Ceramic Research Institute (CGCRI), Khurja, U.P. The programme was inaugurated by Hon’ble Member of Parliament (LS), Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh and was covered by local media.

(c) NBCFDC also organized three free Medical cum Eye Check-up Camps at Jaunpur (U.P), Bijnor (U.P) and Jahangirpuri (Delhi). About 1236 persons availed free eye checkup and medical checkup facilities and about 265 people were provided free spectacles.

(v) NBCFDC participated in Aajeevika Exhibition at Pragati Maidan from 23rd March to 1st April, 2018 for dissemination of information regarding NBCFDC schemes.

(vi) National Safai Karamcharis Finance Development Corporation (NSKFDC) organized two Awareness Camps in Faridabad, Haryana on 03/03/2018 and Agra, Uttar Pradesh on 17/03/2018 to motivate them to avail financial assistance and also to enrol for Skill Development Training Programme.

(vii) NSKFDC released One Time Cash Assistance (OTCA) of Rs. 1.92 Lakh @ Rs. 40,000/- each to 48 identified Manual Scavengers in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu under the Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers.

(viii) NSKFDC successfully organized Recognition of Prior Learning programme for 467 sanitation workers of various Municipal Corporations in Maharashtra, Telangana and West Bengal.

(ix) NSKFDC organized workshop on National Survey of Manual Scavengers on 20/03/2018 at SCOPE Complex, New Delhi.

(x) NSKFDC has been awarded India Pride Awards by Dainik Bhaskar in the category of Excellence in Autonomous Body.
