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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WELFARE
SHASTRI BHAWAN
NEW DELHI-110001

D.O. NO.19020/35/93-SCD-VI

DATED: 29.7.93

Dear Shri

The scheme of Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Special Component Plan (SCP) for the Scheduled Castes is linked with the Government of India's strategy for the development of Scheduled Castes. The main objective of the scheme is to give a thrust to the economic development programmes for the Scheduled Castes with reference to their occupational pattern and secondly, to increase the productivity of and income from their limited resources. A series of instructions have been issued regarding the purposes for which Special Central Assistance could be utilized for the development of the Scheduled Castes.

2. On examination of information received from the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, it has been found that a large chunk of the Special Central Assistance has been spent without effective linkage with the viability of the scheme. Some States had also kept the funds unspent for long intervals.

3. Despite considerable efforts made to extend the benefits of educational and other developmental programmes to ensure the upper mobility of Scheduled Castes, it is found that there is much to be desired. The major problem being faced in the area of Scheduled Castes development continued to be economic, educational and social. The need for special attention for groups like landless agricultural labourers marginal farmers, artisans, civic sanitation workers, flayers, tanners and leather workers and other unorganized labour continues to be crucial.

4. Considering all these, in amplification of earlier guidelines, it has been decided that the scope of the existing Special Central Assistance should include infrastructure development programmes in blocks having 50% or more of Scheduled Castes population subject to the condition that the SCA allocation should be made use of in such a way as to encourage larger efforts on development of Scheduled Castes on the part of States/Union Territories.

5. Accordingly, an illustrative list of items under various developmental sectors is enclosed herewith for which Special Central Assistance to Special Component Plan could be utilized on specific viable schemes covering Scheduled Castes population individually and/or in clusters, immediate steps for utilization of the SCA to SCP may be taken according to these revised guidelines.

6. I shall be grateful if you issue necessary directions to all concerned in this regard under intimation to the Ministry of Welfare and Planning Commission.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

Sd/-
(GANGA DAS)

Chief Secretaries of all
States/Union Territories.

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Dated the 29th July 1993

Copy forwarded for necessary action to:-

1. Secretary, Planning Commission, New Delhi
2. Advisor (BC), Planning Commission, New Delhi. Secretary to the Government of India, All Ministries/Deptt,

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FAMILY ORIENTED CUM INCOME GENERATING SCHEMES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SCHEDULED CASTES FAMILIES: -

1. AGRICULTURE

- (a) Training-Cum-demonstration to Scheduled Castes farmers.
- (b) Distribution of seeds/fertilizers, minkits and pesticides to Scheduled Castes farmers in addition to the usual programmes of Agriculture department.
- (c) Commercial crops programme in Scheduled Caste cultivators' land .
- (d) High yielding variety programme in Scheduled Caste cultivators' land in addition to the usual programmes of Agriculture department.
- (e) Assistance to persons/landless agricultural labourers belonging to Scheduled Castes for reclamation/development of their lands.

2. HORTICULTURE

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

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 of block having 50% or more Scheduled Caste population.

4. MINOR IRRIGATION

- a. Check-dams, diversion channels, water harvesting structures, dug-wells, tube-wells, cooperative lift 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, farm ponds.

5. SOIL CONSERVATION

- a. Plantation of food and species as part of soil conservation measures.

6. ANIMALHUSBANDRY

- (a) Supply of milk cattle, poultry, goat, sheep, pigs and duck units to Scheduled Caste families.
- (b) Assistance to dairy and poultry cooperative 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 cooperative
- d. Subsidy/assistance to Scheduled Caste fishermen to purchase fishing boats, nets etc.

9. VILLAGE & 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 Castes 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 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 Schedule 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

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

14. MINIMUM NEEDS PROGRAMME

- a. Establishment of dispensaries/hospital/ 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.

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Dear Shri

Please refer to my D.O. letter of even number dated 29th July, 1993, regarding Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Special Component Plan (SCP) and amplified guidelines thereon with an illustrative list of items under various developmental sectors where SCA could be utilized in blocks having 50 per cent or more of Scheduled Caste population.

2. In this connection, it is clarified that the “ amplified guidelines do not alter the principle of SCA being an additive to SCP and its utilization in conjunction with SCP for filling the critical gaps and for providing missing inputs on viable schemes for the economic development of Schedules Caste families. **SCA should not be used to substitute the obligations for State Governments under their Plan and non-plan allocations for Scheduled Castes. Use of SCA with the SCP for establishing and running residential schools should strictly be in areas having low literacy, particularly in those areas where literacy level amongst SC female is below two percent.** Similarly utilization of SCA with SCP for the items mentioned under Minimum Needs Programmes should be in those areas where such facilities are not available for Scheduled Castes.”

With regards,

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-
(GANGA DAS)

To
Secretary, Social Welfare Of all states/UTs as per the list.