

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES / SECRETARIES OF
WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF NORTH EASTERN STATES HELD ON 7.6.2013**

List of participants is annexed.

At the outset, Secretary (SJ&E) deliberated in brief about the policies, programmes and schemes of the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment and emphasized on the Direct Benefit Transfer covering five major schemes of the Department. He requested all States/UTs to take steps to make the DBT successful. He outlined priority areas of the Department and requested the States/UTs to pay focused attention to them, such as survey of manual scavengers, drug abuse survey, PMAGY, need for designing specific schemes for DNTs etc. He then asked Joint Secretary (SCD) to make his presentation.

A. SCD (Bureau)

JS(SCD) made a presentation about the State wise SC population, as per Census,2011 and the Schemes implemented by the SCD Bureau. Thereafter, the following issues pertaining to various Schemes were discussed in the light of the presentation:-

A (i) Implementation of the PCR &PoA Acts:

Continuance of offences of atrocities against members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and low conviction rate of cases under the PoA Act, in most of the States, was a matter of concern. Cases ending in acquittal also need to be reviewed and appeals filed in superior courts, wherever required. The States/UTs must make earnest efforts for effective implementation of the PCR and PoA Acts and meetings of the State and District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees should be regularly held as specified in the Rule 16 and 17 of the PoA Rules.

State-wise discussions were held as follows:

A (i) i Assam-

The Secretary, Welfare of Plains, Tribes and Backward Classes Welfare Department, Government of Assam, stated that there are very few cases under the PoA Act. 18 Special courts, which are designated District Session Courts, undertake trial of cases under PoA Act. 18 special public prosecutors have been appointed. Legal aid committees supervise implementation of the Acts in all districts and special officers and Nodal officer have been appointed to oversee the implementation of the Acts. A special cell is also functional in the CID Headquarter.

State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee (SLVMC) has been constituted under the Chairpersonship of the Chief Minister.

The Secretary was requested to expedite the complete proposal for Central Assistance for the year 2012-13 under the Scheme of implementation of the PCR and POA Acts, as the proposal received was incomplete.

A (i) ii Manipur-

The Director, Government of Manipur mentioned that there is hardly a case of an offence or atrocity against members of SC/ST in the state. There have been no complaints from any quarter in the matter. In 2011, only one case was registered under PoA Act, which was later withdrawn.

The state was requested to send material for Annual Report immediately.

A (i) iii Meghalaya-

The representative of Government of Meghalaya stated that there has been no case of atrocities under the PoA Act for in the past.

The state was requested to send material for Annual Report immediately.

A (i) iv Sikkim-

The Principal Secretary, Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, stated that since there has been no case of untouchability in the state, no need has been felt to have special courts and committees at various levels to oversee implementation of PCR and PoA Acts.

He was informed that as per NCRB, MHA data, cases have been registered in Sikkim under the PoA Act. The Principal Secretary promised to verify the status.

The Principal Secretary was informed that unspent balance of Central Assistance for 2010-11 was available with the state. He was requested to send UC for the CA released during 2010-11 and to forward the proposals for Central Assistance during this year.

A (i) v Tripura-

The Secretary, SC and ST Welfare Department, Government of Tripura, stated that offences under PCR and PoA Acts are very few in the States.

All the States were requested to send Six-monthly Progress Reports (SMPR) for 2012 at the earliest.

A (ii) SCA to SCSP:

JS(SCD) highlighted the objective of the Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCSP) Scheme. He also requested the representatives from the states to furnish:

A (ii) i The Utilization Certificate of the Central Assistance released upto 2012-13.

A (ii) ii Information on SC families covered under the composite economic development programme and, percentage of allocation under SCSP compared to SC population in the State, in prescribed format.

A (ii) iii Information/data of beneficiaries who were successful in crossing the poverty line after availing the benefits of the Scheme.

A (ii) iii JS (SCD) highlighted the Ministry's recent Guidelines issued on 02.05.2013, to earmark 10% of SCA funds on skill development programmes by all the States/UTs. He requested them to make a plan to conduct skill development training programmes accordingly during 2013-14.

The state-wise issues about the scheme were discussed as follows:

ISSUES	RESPONSES/REQUIREMENTS
<p>Assam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pending UCs of Rs 1284 lakhs and other documents as per DO dated 08/05/13 are required for release of Central Assistance during 2013-14. • Number of beneficiaries assisted against SCA released for 2011-12 and 2012-13 is to be provided by the state. The figures given for 2010-11 need to be rechecked as maximum subsidy can be Rs 10,000/- only. 	<p>The state was requested to forward the requisite information immediately.</p>
<p>Manipur</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of BPL SC families assisted and those who have been able to cross poverty line during 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 have not been provided. • Number of beneficiaries assisted against SCA released for 2009-10 ,2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 is to be provided by the state. • Central Assistance was not released during 2012-13. • For release of CA during 2013-14, pending UCs of Rs.44.18 lakhs and other documents as per DO dated 08/05/13 are required. 	<p>Survey is being planned. The TA and Hills Department, Manipur, which looked after SC welfare earlier, is yet to furnish list of beneficiaries.</p> <p>The State was requested to forward the requisite information without any delay.</p> <p>Complete information not provided by the State as informed vide D.O. letter dated 14/02/13.</p> <p>The State was requested to forward the requisite information immediately.</p>
<p>Sikkim</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information regarding SC BPL families assisted and which crossed the poverty line in 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 not received. • No. of beneficiaries assisted against SCA released for 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 to be provided by the state. • Central Assistance was not released during 2012-13. • For release of CA during 2013-14, pending UCs of 72.23 lakhs and other documents as per DO dated 08/05/13 are required. 	<p>The State was requested to forward the requisite information immediately.</p>

<p>Tripura</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The figures for SCA released and number of beneficiaries for 2009-10 and 2010-11 need to be looked into as the maximum amount which can be released is Rs 10,000/- • Number of beneficiaries assisted against SCA released for 2011-12 and 2012-13 is to be provided by the state. 	<p>The State was requested to expedite the required information after verification.</p> <p>The State was requested to forward the requisite information immediately.</p>
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The Economic Advisor, M/o SJ&E, while informing about setting up of an inter ministerial committee by the Planning Commission to review the SCSP guidelines, requested all the participating States to give their comments about the implementation of the strategy in their respective states and suggestions, if any, for effective changes in the existing guidelines of the Planning Commission. He also circulated the relevant extract of the existing guidelines for enabling the representatives of states to give their comments/ suggestions.

A (iii) Survey of Manual Scavengers:

JS (SCD) stated that Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is steering and coordinating a survey of manual scavengers in 3546 statutory towns. As per the 'House Listing and Housing Census 2011' data, approximately 26 lakh insanitary latrines are in existence in India.

JS(SCD) also stated that as per Para 4 of Guidelines for survey community representatives and NGOs may be involved in the Survey of Manual Scavengers for awareness campaign and preparing the list of manual scavengers, which may also be verified during the survey by enumerators.

State wise status of action taken is as follows:

S. No	State	Status of information regarding survey District			Response from the States
		Nodal Officer	Proposal for funds	Progress of Survey	
1.	Assam	Received	Awaited	Not received	Survey will be completed by July 13. Report will be submitted soon thereafter. The survey has been delayed due to Guwahati Municipal Corporation elections.
2.	Manipur	Received	Rs 8.69 lakhs released on 31/05/13	Survey completed. No manual scavenger found.	Report will be sent shortly. Central Assistance released has not been credited in the a/c of the State. Matter will be examined. State has been requested to inform the process followed for the survey.
3.	Meghalaya	Received	Awaited	Not received	Survey is under process, report will be sent shortly.

4.	Sikkim	Awaited	Awaited	Not received	State was requested to conduct the survey as per guidelines laid down and send report within a month.
5.	Tripura	Received	Rs 13.8 lakhs released on 10/05/13	Not received.	Survey completed. Report will be sent shortly. The state was requested to intimate the methodology used for the survey.

A (iv) Post Matric Scholarship for SCs :

ISSUES	RESPONSES / DECISIONS
<p>Assam: An amount of Rs 2447.26 lakhs which includes Rs 750 lakhs as adhoc and Rs 1697.26 lakhs as regular CA was released during the year 2012-13.</p>	Digitized list of beneficiaries for the list 2012-13 should be provided immediately.
<p>Manipur: An amount of Rs 176.10 lakhs was released as adhoc CA during 2012-13. UC for the year 2011-12 was not received and complete proposal for 2012-13 is pending from the state govt.</p>	Requisite information will be sent shortly.
<p>Meghalaya : An amount of Rs 13.52 lakhs which included Rs 6.02 lakhs as adhoc and Rs 7.32 lakhs as regular CA was released during 2012-13.</p>	Digitized list of beneficiaries for 2012-13 should be provided immediately.
<p>Sikkim: An amount of Rs 16.70 lakhs was released as adhoc CA during 2012-13. State govt was informed that it had unspent balance of Rs 12.70 lakhs and an additional 17.70 lakhs had also been released.</p>	<p>State informed that Rs 38 lakhs had been utilized, which included the unspent balance and the adhoc CA released, and the details were handed over during the meeting.</p> <p>JS(SCD) informed that the documents received would be examined for further necessary action.</p>
<p>Tripura: An amount of Rs 1099.59 lakhs was released during 2012-13, which included adhoc CA of Rs 588.45 lakhs and regular CA of Rs 511.14 lakhs.</p>	Digitized list of beneficiaries for the list 2012-13 should be provided immediately.

All the States were also requested to send digitized lists of beneficiaries along with UCs for 2012-13 and to prepare digitized lists of beneficiaries for 2013-14 also.

A (v) Pre-Matric Scholarship for SC students studying in classes IX & X :

ISSUES	RESPONSES / DECISIONS
<p>Assam : The enrolment figures of SC students studying in class IX and X submitted are much higher than those of HRD data. Clarification on this is still awaited. Hence no CA was released.</p>	<p>The Principal Secretary of Assam promised to recheck and clarify the issue.</p>
<p>Manipur: An amount of Rs.911 lakhs was released during the year 2012-13. Digitized list of beneficiaries has not been received.</p>	<p>The State Govt. promised to expedite the list of beneficiaries in renewal cases and the fresh cases by September end for the year 2013-14.</p>
<p>Sikkim : An amount of Rs. 8.02 lakhs was released during the year 2012-13. Digitized list of beneficiaries has not been received.</p>	<p>The State Govt. promised to expedite the list of beneficiaries in renewal cases and the fresh cases by September end for the year 2013-14.</p>
<p>Tripura: An amount of Rs 534.22 lakhs was released during 2012-13. Digitized list of beneficiaries has not be received</p>	<p>The State Govt. promised to expedite the list of beneficiaries in renewal cases and the fresh cases by September end for the year 2013-14.</p>

All the states were requested to send digitized lists of beneficiaries along with UCs for 2012-13 and to prepare digitized lists for 2013-14 also.

A (vi) Pre-Matric Scholarship to the Children of those engaged in ‘unclean’ occupation :

ISSUES	RESPONSES / DECISIONS
<p>Assam: The details of the audited accounts for the year 2012-13 are still awaited. Details of the beneficiaries have not been submitted in the prescribed format. Digitized list of beneficiaries has not been received.</p>	<p>The State government promised to expedite the requisite pending information. The State Govt. has promised to expedite the digitized list of beneficiaries by October, 2013.</p>
<p>Mizoram: An amount of Rs. 4.15 lakhs was released to the State Govt. during 2012-13. Digitized list of beneficiaries has not been received.</p>	<p>As this was the first time that the State Govt. availed the Scheme there was no committed liability. The State Govt. promised to expedite the digitized list of beneficiaries by October, 2013.</p>

<p>Tripura :</p> <p>An amount of Rs. 12.73 lakhs was released to the State Govt. during 2012-13. Digitized list of beneficiaries has not been received.</p>	<p>The State Govt. promised to expedite the digitized list by October, 2013.</p>
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All the states were requested to send digitized lists of beneficiaries along with UCs for 2012-13 and to prepare digitized lists for 2013-14 also.

A (vii) Upgradation of Merit Scheme:

JS (SCD) informed that the Scheme is not being implemented in Meghalaya, whereas Assam, Sikkim and Tripura are not utilizing the allotted slots fully and requested these States to ensure optimum utilization of the available slots. Manipur has recently submitted a proposal for Rs 2.8 lakhs.

A (viii) BABU JAGJIVAN RAM CHHATRAWAS YOJANA

JS (SCD) impressed upon the need for construction of hostels within stipulated timeframe and submission of the pending UCs in time. The hostels sanctioned up to 2010-11 should have been completed by now but the States/UTs are lagging behind in completion of hostels in time. The State Govt./UT Administration were requested to give a concrete time frame for completion of pending hostels and furnishing pending UCs so that fresh proposals for construction of hostels could be considered. Notional Allocation for 2013-14 has been communicated to State Govt./UT Admn.

State-wise discussion were held as follows:-

A (viii) i Assam:

The Director (Social Welfare), Government of Assam stated that 4 pending hostels are likely to be completed within the next 6-8 months. JS (SCD) requested him to indicate a firm time frame for completing the pending hostels, otherwise it would be difficult to sanction the fresh hostels.

A (viii) ii Manipur:

Representative of Manipur Govt stated that no hostel is pending and requested for release of balance Central Assistance for the hostels sanctioned during 2012-13.

JS(SCD) apprised that the matter is under process and the remaining funds will be released shortly.

A (viii) iii Tripura:

Secretary (Social Welfare) stated that the ceiling of Rs 2 lakhs per inmate under BJRCY needs to be relaxed in the state of Tripura as the geographical condition in the state is different from mainland states.

He requested that the permissible amount may be sanctioned by the Ministry and the state will arrange for the balance funds.

JS(SCD) informed him that the state should submit detailed proposal. He also informed that the existing ceiling is under revision.

A (viii) iv Sikkim:

Principal Secretary stated that there is negligible population of SCs in Sikkim and therefore there is no need for SC hostels in the state.

A (ix) SCHEDULED CASTES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS (SCDCs):

State wise specific issues discussed were as follows:

ISSUES	RESPONSES/REQUIREMENTS
<p>Assam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Share capital was released last time during 1997-98. • No further Central Equity share could be released as the recovery rate was less than 60%. 	<p>State govt would look into the issue.</p>
<p>Sikkim</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Central Share capital was released last time during 2007-08. • Proposal for received for 2011-12. The same could not be processed as recovery rate was below 60%. SCDC was asked to send the proposal in the prescribed format and intimate steps to improve recovery rate. 	<p>State govt would look into the issue and ensure early reply.</p>
<p>Tripura</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Action Plan for 2013-14 not submitted. 	<p>State govt would look into the issue and ensure early reply.</p>

B Backward Classes Bureau

The broad issues/Schemes relating to the development of Other Backward Classes discussed during the session are given below:

- B (i) i** It was informed that the Budget allocation for the year 2013-14 is Rs. 1200 crore out of which Rs. 1,100 crore is for the welfare Schemes and Rs. 100 crore for soft loans through NBCFDC.
- B (i) ii** The notional allocation of funds was already intimated to the States/UTs under the Schemes of Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and construction of OBCs hostels on 1st, 3rd and 15th May 2013 respectively. States were requested to send complete proposals by 30th June, 2013 under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme and Scheme for Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls.
- B (i) iii** States were informed their committed liability for XII Plan period and scheme-wise notional allocation.
- B (i) iv** The status of receipt of proposals from the North-East States under various schemes was also discussed as under:

S.No.	Scheme	States from where proposals received	States from where proposals not received
1.	Pre-Matric Scholarship	Sikkim	Assam, Manipur, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh
2.	Post-Matric Scholarship	Nil	Assam, Manipur, Sikkim, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh
3.	Construction of Hostels	Nil	Assam, Manipur, Sikkim, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh

- B (i) v** All the above States were requested to send their proposal for Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme as soon as possible.
- B (i) vi** With regard to proposal for construction of hostels, it was mentioned that the States were not sending the completion report of hostels sanctioned earlier. It was, therefore, explained that unless the completion report is sent, further allocation for construction of hostels cannot be made.

The broad issues, scheme-wise, discussed during the session are briefly summarized in the following paragraphs.

B (ii) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme

- B (ii) i** All the States raised the issue of meagre funds made available by the Central Government under the Scheme. Additional Secretary, D/SJ&E informed that the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme is 'fund limited' in nature and the total budgetary

allocation is Rs.150 crore. In case, at the end of the year, any State does not utilize the allotted funds fully, funds are diverted to other States.

- B (ii) ii** Shri A.K. Sisodia, Deputy Director, Government of Uttar Pradesh informed that the State Government of UP has made a provision of Rs.700 crores from its own resources for this scheme whereas the Central Government grant very less amount to the State under this scheme.
- B (ii) iii** Shri G.P. Upadhayay, Principal Secretary, Government of Sikkim informed that against the notional allocation of Rs.24 lakh, the State Government of Sikkim needs Rs.40 lakh to run Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme in the State.
- B (ii) iv** Shri K H Dinesh Chandra Singh, Director, Govt. of Manipur informed that the State would send its proposal for pre matric scholarship by end of July 2013.

B (iii) Construction of Hostel Scheme

- B (iii) i** Joint Secretary (BC) informed that the scheme is proposed to be revised soon and efforts are on to bring the Scheme at par with that of the SCD scheme of BJRCY.
- B (iii) ii** Shri Shantanu Das, Secretary, Government of Tripura informed that there has not been much demand for hostel facility in Tripura since most of the villages have schools within distance of approx. one kilometer. Students can, therefore, easily go to school from their homes. He, however, expressed the need to build some hostels in big towns where students come from every nook and corner of the State to get college education. He informed that the State would soon be sending proposals for hostel to the Ministry.
- B (iii) iii** Shri G P Upadhayay, Principal Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim intimated that the funds allocated to the State under hostel scheme was very less. JS (BC) clarified that the figure communicated to the States in the beginning of the financial year are only indicative which could be enhanced on the basis of non-utilisation of funds by some other States. He also informed that out of the total six hostels sanctioned for the State, only 4 have been completed.
- B (iii) iv** On being asked about the progress of construction of hostels in the State of Uttar Pradesh , Shri. A. K .Sisodia, Dy Director, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh informed that they have completed 81 hostels in the State.
- B (iii) v** Shri Jiten Borgoyari, Secretary, Government of Assam informed that the pending Utilisation Certificates under Hostel scheme would soon be sent to the Ministry. He also informed that the State Govt. would soon be sending a proposal for the year 2013-14.

B (iv) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme and Implmentation of DBT

- B (iv) i** All the States were explained the need of disbursement of scholarship to all the beneficiaries through Banks/Post Offices with Aadhar seeded accounts. Representatives of State Governments highlighted difficulties/problems being faced by them in switching to the DBT system. They were, however, assured that problems would be tackled and sorted out.
- B (iv) ii** Shri A.K. Sisodia, Deputy Director, Government of Uttar Pradesh informed that as compared to State's contribution of Rs. 800 cores, the Central Government is giving only a paltry sum of Rs. 161 crores under this scheme.
- B (iv) iii** Shri K H Dinesh Chandra Singh, Director, Govt. of Manipur informed that the Utilisation Certificate for the last year could not be sent since they were not able to trace the amount sanctioned by the Ministry in favour of Govt. of Manipur under the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship. However, they will reconcile the same during the current year.
- B (iv) iv** Additional Secretary, D/O SJE requested all the State Governments to speed up the work related to DBT in their respective States. He further requested all the officers to speed up the work related to appointment of nodal officers sending their name with digital signature to the Ministry as soon as possible.
- B (iv) v** Further, he requested all the officers to prepare digitized list of all the beneficiaries to be covered under DBT and to upload the list of all beneficiaries on their websites.
- B (iv) vi** Shri G.P. Upadhyay, Principal Secretary, Government of Sikkim informed that he has submitted the list of nodal officers to M/O SJ&E.
- B (iv) vii** Shri Jiten Borgoyari, Secretary, Government of Assam informed that the banks in the rural areas are not very forthcoming in opening 'Aadhar' enabled accounts of the students in their branches. He further stated that because of the unique socio-political situation in the State, it is very difficult to get Aadhar number for all the students in the State.
- B (iv) viii** Shri A. K .Sisodia, Dy Director, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh informed that the State would be sending a digitized list of all beneficiaries by the end of 2013.

B (v) Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (DNT)

- B (v) i** It was informed that the Ministry is considering initiating Schemes/Programmes for the welfare of DNT. In this connection, information was sought from all States. Additional Secretary, D/O SJE expressed his concern about not receiving any information about Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes from the State of Uttar Pradesh.

B (v) ii Shri A.K. Sisodia, Deputy Director, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh informed that the total population of OBC in UP is approx. 54%. On being asked by Addl. Secretary, SJ&E, Shri Sisodia intimated that this exercise was undertaken by the district level officers. He further informed that recently there was an order issued by the Supreme Court where Govt. of UP was a party, in which the Hon'ble Court pronounced that the upper income ceiling for giving all kinds of benefits from the public exchequer should be same for SC, ST, OBC, Minority etc. They are also uploading the list of beneficiaries under various schemes on the website as prescribed by the NIC. He assured that information relating to DNTs will be sent soon.

B (vi) Issuance of caste certificate

Additional Secretary, D/SJ&E requested the States to submit brief note on the procedure being followed for issuance of caste certificates in their States. He informed the delegates to refer to the guidelines issued by DoPT in this regard.

B (vii) NATIONAL BACKWARD CLASSES FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

B (vii) i Shri A.A. Naqvi, MD, NBCFDC requested the State Govt representatives to take necessary action so as recovery of the entire loans are made well in time. He requested the officers from Assam, Manipur, Sikkim, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh to send their respective State Govts' guarantee to the Corporation as soon as possible.

B (vii) ii Shri G.P. Upadhayay, Pr. Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim informed that because of some reasons they were not able to recover the loan amount from the beneficiaries. The State Govt. also expressed difficulties in extending guarantee to NBCFDC but agreed to look into it.

B (vii) iii Shri Jiten Borgoyari, Secretary, Government of Assam informed that the State Govt. was in a position to give guarantee to NBCFDC. They were also finding it difficult to recover the loan amount from the beneficiaries.

B (viii) After discussion, the following decisions were taken –

B (viii) i States/UTs were requested to send the proposals by 30th June, 2013 under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme and Construction of Hostels for OBC boys and girls.

B (viii) ii States/UTs were also requested -

a. to update the status of payment of scholarships through Banks.

b. to send the Physical and Financial Progress Report for the year 2011-12 and upload District-wise/Institution-wise list of beneficiaries on the website.

c. to speed up the work related to DBT in their respective States and sign the MoU except Sikkim as signed the MoU during the meeting.

B (viii) iii State Governments/UTs were requested to speed up the work related to DBT in their respective States and sign the MoU.

C. Social Defence

A brief presentation was made on the activities being carried out by Social Defence Bureau of the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment.

C (ii) States were informed that Department of Social Justice & Empowerment has instituted Schemes of National Award for the Institution and the Individual working for the welfare of Senior Citizens and also for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse.

C (iii) It was informed that proposals from State Governments are received very late and without the required documents. This creates problems in processing and release of funds. Therefore, the State Governments were requested to send the proposals after due diligent and well in time.

C (iv) Representative of the State of Sikkim informed that there are no beggars in the State. State Government has set up a committee on the issues relating to transgender. Representative from the State Government of Assam informed that provisions have been made for the welfare of the transgender.

C (v) Representatives from the State of Manipur made a brief presentation on the activities being carried out by them for the senior citizens and persons addicted to drugs. She further informed that the State of Manipur has already provided the information to the Ministry and NSSO for the advanced pilot Survey.

C (vi) Representatives from the State of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya informed that they were not aware about the existence and activities of the Regional Resource and Training Centres designated for their States. Representatives of the State Governments also requested that they should be informed about the GIA released to the NGOs in their respective States.

D. Secretary, SJ&E concluding the session, requested all the State Governments to take necessary steps for institution of Maintenance of Welfare of Parent and Senior Citizens Act, 2007. He also requested that the proposal under the scheme of IPOP and Prevention of Drug Abuse should be sent in time, so that persons working in the sector can get the financial assistance in time. He assured that the RRTCs will be suitably directed to liaison with the State Governments and brief them about the activities being carried out by them and the other NGOs working in the State. He also assured that in future the Ministry will place on website the details of the GIA released to the NGOs so that the State Governments can know about the NGOs who are getting the GIA and monitor their functioning.

Meeting ended with the thanks to the chair.

E. Gist of some important decisions taken during the meeting

- All States/UTs should invariably furnish complete proposals in time under various schemes/ programmes being implemented for the welfare of SCs, OBCs, Senior Citizens and victims of drug abuse.

- Under SCA to SCSP, States/UTs were requested to submit the pending UCs, Annual Progress Report of the previous year, Annual Action Plan 2013-14, Report on BPL families etc. immediately
- States/ UTs were requested to submit the report on survey of manual scavengers urgently.
- States/UTs which had been financially assisted under PMAGY should furnish the progress report.
- States/UTs were to submit the UCs along with the present status of construction of hostels under BJRCY.
- States/UTs should fix their committed liability under Post Matric Scholarship Scheme before sending proposals to the Ministry.
- States/Uts must forward the digitized lists of beneficiaries who have been disbursed scholarship amount in 2012-13 under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme to the children of those engaged in 'unclean' occupations.
- State Governments to speed up the work related to DBT in their respective States
- States/UTs to take necessary steps for implementation of Maintenance of Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007.
- States/UTs may launch awareness campaign for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse.

List of participants of Regional Meeting of State Secretaries of Welfare/Social Justice held on 07-06-2013

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