

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES /  
SECRETARIES OF WELFARE DEPARTMENTS OF SOUTHERN STATES  
HELD ON 30.05.2013**

List of participants is annexed.

At the outset, Additional 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 light of the presentation :-

**A (i) Implementation of the PCR &PoA Act:**

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, is a matter of concern. Cases ending in acquittal also need to be reviewed and appeals to be 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.

The Joint Secretary, drew attention of the participating States/UTs, towards Ministry's letter dated 30.04.2013, addressed to the Principal Secretaries of SC/ST Development Departments, seeking comments on the proposal of insertion of Rule 17A in the PoA Rules, for constitution of Sub-Division Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees, with nomination of social worker(s) as Member(s) in the Committees by the Central Government, and amendment in the clause(iv) of sub-rule(1) of Rule 16 and sub-rule(2) of Rule 17, for nomination of social worker(s) as member(s) by the Central Government in the State and District level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees respectively. He requested them to expedite their comments. The comments of the States were as follows:

(i) The Commissioner, Scheduled Castes Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, stated that whereas meetings of the DLVMCs are being held regularly, the meeting of the SLVMC could not be held. 23 exclusive special courts are functioning in the State but presently posts of judges are vacant in 12 such courts for which the High Court of Andhra Pradesh is requested to fill up these posts expeditiously. 22 Mobile Courts are functioning to

prosecute the cases under the PCR Act. The high rate of acquittal is an area of serious concern for which the main cause is witnesses turning hostile, and long drawn proceedings in courts, which makes the witnesses disinterested in pursuing the cases.

(ii) The Secretary, Government of Kerala stated that as a Nodal Officer she has conducted review of implementation status of the PoA Act in the State. District Magistrates have also been instructed to provide required information for six monthly progress reports regularly, so that the consolidated report is sent to the Government of India as required. Efforts are being made to conduct the meeting of the SLVMC. The nomenclature of the existing Special Cell in the Police Quarters also needs to be attuned to the requirements of the PoA Rules, i.e. setting up of the SC/ST Protection Cell. Likewise existing special mobile units need to be converted to Special Police Stations. It was also stated that incentive amount for inter-caste marriages was increased to Rs. 50,000/- in 2009.

(iii) The Commissioner, Government of Karnataka, stated that low conviction rate is a matter of serious concern. Seven exclusive special courts are also functioning for speedy disposal of the cases under the PoA Act. He said that the number of cases registered under the PoA Act has gone up owing to increase in awareness amongst the target group. He mentioned that the material for annual reports under the Act, as well SMPRs for 2012, would be sent soon.

**A (ii) SCA to SCSP:** JS(SCD) highlighted the objective of the Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCSP) Scheme and emphasized on the earmarking of funds in proportion to share of SC population in the state. He also requested the representatives from the states to furnish:

- (i) The Utilization Certificate of the previously released Central Assistance upto 2012-13.
- (ii) Information on SC families covered under the composite economic development programme and, allocation under SCSP compared to SC population % in the State, in prescribed format.
- (iii) Information/data of beneficiaries who were successful in crossing the poverty line after availing the benefits of the Scheme.
- (iv) The expenditure being incurred on the skill development of SC population living below the poverty line. JS(SCD) mentioned about the Ministry's recent Guidelines issued on 02.05.2013, to earmark at least 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.

The specific issues in respect of States discussed in the meeting were as follows:

<b>ISSUES</b>	<b>RESPONSES</b>
<b>ANDHRA PRADESH</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of BPL SC families assisted and those who have been able to cross</li> </ul>	The Commissioner Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh stated:

<p>poverty line during 2009-10 has not been provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of beneficiaries having shown covered under the scheme during 2011-12 is 905008. The CA released was Rs. 51.60 Crore</li> <li>• Audited figures of expenditure for the year 2011-12</li> <li>• Annual Progress Report, in the <u>prescribed format</u>, for the year ending 2012-13</li> <li>• Action Plan for utilization of funds during 2013-14</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AP SCSP and TSP Act. 2013 ( Planning, allocation &amp; utilization of Fin. Resources Act 1/2013) came into effect from 25.1.2013.</li> <li>• 16.2% of plan allocation under SCSP and 6.6% of plan allocation under TSP</li> <li>• The State Council for Development of SCs and STs constituted.</li> <li>• Nodal Agency for SCSP has been constituted.</li> <li>• Social Welfare Department is designated as Nodal Department for SCSP.</li> <li>• Total allocation for SCSP is Rs.8585.00 Cr. of which an amount of Rs.1008.00 Cr. is shown as non divisible infrastructure works (7%).</li> <li>• SCSP allocation is made for (26) departments</li> <li>• Allocations to the districts on the basis of % of the SC population of the district to the total SC population of the State.</li> <li>• Exclusive programs for SCs living in SC Colonies.</li> <li>• During the year 2012-13, UCs have been submitted for Rs 40.86 Cr, balance UCs would be sent shortly.</li> <li>• 1852 beneficiaries have been trained with outlay of Rs 108.98 lakh during 2012-13 under Skill Development Programme.</li> </ul>
<p><b>KARNATAKA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audited figures of expenditure for the 2011-12</li> <li>• Annual Progress Report for the year ending 2012-13</li> <li>• Action Plan for utilization of funds during 2013-14</li> <li>• Information, regarding SC families covered under the composite economic development programme and allocation under SCSP compared to SC population % in the State</li> </ul>	<p>The Commissioner Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Karnataka handed over a UC of Rs 60.43 Crore in the meeting and stated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The balance UCs would be submitted shortly.</li> <li>• Evaluation on the assisted BPL families who are able to cross the poverty line is under process.</li> <li>• During 2013-14 minimum 10% funds under the Scheme would be utilized for skill development programme.</li> </ul>

<p><b>KERALA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pending Audited Figures of Expenditure for the year 2008-09, 2009-10 ,2010-11 and 2011-12</li> <li>• Number of BPL SC families assisted and those who have been able to cross poverty line for the years 2008-09 to 2009-10</li> <li>• Annual Progress Report for the year ending 2012-13</li> <li>• Action Plan for utilization of funds during 2013-14</li> <li>• Information, regarding SC families covered under the composite economic development programme and allocation under SCSP compared to SC population % in the State</li> </ul>	<p>Secretary SC Development Department Govt. of Kerala stated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audited Figures of Expenditure 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 could not be furnished since Audit was not done by Accountant General. The AG office is being reminded to complete the audit.</li> <li>• Details of number of BPL SC families assisted and those who have been able to cross the poverty line have been called from the District Collectors. The same would be submitted soon.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PUDUCHERRY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilisation Certificates of Rs. 20.31 lakh released upto 2011-12</li> <li>• Audited figures of expenditure for the years 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2012-13</li> <li>• Annual Progress Report, in the prescribed format, for the year ending 2012-13</li> <li>• Action Plan for utilization of funds during 2012-13</li> <li>• Information, regarding SC families covered under the composite economic development programme and allocation under SCSP compared to SC population % in the State</li> </ul>	<p>Director SC Development Department Puducherry stated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During 2012-13, in R.E. the SCSP outlay was suddenly reduced to Rs. 138.90 Crores due to cut in Budgeted Outlay which resulted in shortfall of 6.21%.</li> <li>• For the Current Financial Year all the Departments have been requested to book the expenditure regularly every month and not at the fag end of the financial year to avoid shortfalls in SCSP Expenditure.</li> <li>• The SCA amount of RS.20.31 lakh released by the Government of India during 2011-12 is yet to be released by Government of Puducherry. After receipt of the amount from the Government of Puducherry the same will be utilized for skill development programme and the necessary utilization certificates would be furnished.</li> <li>• The report of beneficiaries who have been able to cross poverty line is yet to be furnished, as the preliminary survey work is in progress.</li> </ul>

**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 are as follows:

S. No	State	Status of information regarding survey District			Response from the States
		Nodal Officer	Proposal for funds	Progress of Survey	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Awaited	Awaited	Not received	The commissioner Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh stated that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The fresh survey of Manual Scavengers has been taken up in A.P. by the Municipal Administration &amp; Urban Development Department in the month of April,2013.</li> <li>• The Survey has been completed recently and the data is under compilation. After receipt of survey details, proposals would be submitted for release of funds for rehabilitation of identified scavengers.</li> </ul>
2.	Karnataka	Received	Rs.58.58 lakh released on 8.5.13	Not received	The Commissioner Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Karnataka stated that survey of manual scavengers is being done by Urban development Department Govt. of Karnataka. It is expected that survey will be completed by August 2013 and the same would be sent accordingly.
3.	Kerala	Received	Awaited	Not received	Secretary SC Development Department Govt. of Kerala stated that survey of manual scavengers is being done by Urban development Department, Govt. of Kerala.

4.	Puducherry	Awaited	Awaited	Not received	<p>Director SC Development Department Puducherry stated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Union Territory of Puducherry consists of 4 regions viz., Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe &amp; Yanam.</li> <li>• No data or records available about the existence of manual scavengers in the U.T.</li> <li>• Based on the census 2011 and as per the direction of Govt. of India, the Local Administration has been entrusted to conduct a fresh survey on Manual Scavengers during 1<sup>st</sup> Week of May 2013.</li> <li>• Survey on Manual Scavengers expected to be commenced during 1<sup>st</sup> Week of June 2013.</li> <li>• Survey expected to be completed during middle of July 2013.</li> </ul>
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**A (iv) Post Matric Scholarship for SCs:**

<b>ISSUES</b>	<b>RESPONSES / DECISIONS</b>
<p><b>Andhra Pradesh :</b>  Details of arrear claims for 2011-12 to be paid during 2012-13 to be furnished.  To confirm whether amount of Rs. 8942 lakhs indicated is on account of revision of the scheme.</p>	<p>The State representative promised to expedite the requisite information.</p> <p>JS (SCD) requested the State Govt. to intimate the committed liability immediately so that further release of funds under PMS can be considered.</p> <p>JS (SCD) requested the State Govt. to recheck the number of beneficiaries indicated to the Ministry as it varies with the data of MHRD.</p> <p>The State Govt. was requested to examine bifurcating the renewal cases and fresh cases so that the details of the beneficiaries for renewal cases can be furnished without delay.</p>
<p><b>Karnataka :</b></p>	<p>An amount of Rs. 4830.98 lakhs which includes Rs. 3029.8 lakhs as adhoc and Rs. 180.18 lakhs as regular CA was released during 2012-13.</p> <p>The State Govt. representative confirmed that the payments are being made through the bank account of</p>

	<p>the students.</p> <p>The State Govt. was requested to examine bifurcating the renewal cases and fresh cases so that the details of the beneficiaries for renewal cases can be furnished without delay.</p>
<p><b>Kerala :</b></p> <p>The State Govt. was not given any CA as they had enough unspent balance of Rs. 54.93 crores.</p>	<p>Secretary, Social Welfare, Kerala Govt. has informed that their requirement has been recalculated and a revised proposal has been sent to the Ministry.</p> <p>State Govt. of Kerala also informed that they are following e-grant and e-card systems for disbursing the scholarship amounts.</p> <p>The State Govt. was requested to examine bifurcating the renewal cases and fresh cases so that the details of the beneficiaries for renewal cases can be furnished without delay.</p>
<p><b>Puducherry :</b></p> <p>UC for 2011-12 and details of unspent balance are to be furnished.</p> <p>Details of book bank component to be furnished.</p> <p>Clarifications regarding actual number of beneficiaries to be given.</p>	<p>The representative of the UT of Puducherry promised to expedite the requisite information.</p> <p>The State Govt. was requested to examine bifurcating the renewal cases and fresh cases so that the details of the beneficiaries for renewal cases can be furnished without delay.</p>

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

<b>ISSUES</b>	<b>RESPONSES / DECISIONS</b>
<b>Andhra Pradesh :</b>	<p>The State Govt. representative informed that as they have unspent balance from the funds of 2012-13, they would not require additional funds during 2013-14 under this scheme.</p> <p>The State Govt. was asked to recheck the actual number of beneficiaries as it varies from the data furnished to MHRD.</p> <p>The State Govt. was requested to examine bifurcating the renewal cases and fresh cases so that the details of the beneficiaries for renewal cases can be furnished without delay.</p>
<b>Karnataka :</b>	An amount of Rs. 4781.30 lakhs was released benefitting about 198200 students.
<b>Kerala :</b>	An amount of Rs. 1984.19 lakhs was released benefitting about 93034 students.
<b>Puducherry :</b>	The State Govt. representative informed that as the State has already Pre Matric Scholarship Scheme for all students studying in

	Class VI onwards, they had not so far availed the central scheme. However, he informed that the matter will be examined and will submit proposals during 2013-14.
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**A (vi) Pre-Matric Scholarship to the Children of those engaged in ‘unclean’ occupation:**

ISSUES	RESPONSES / DECISIONS
<b>Andhra Pradesh :</b> UC for 2009-10 not furnished. Details of the committed liability have not been furnished.	The State Govt. representative promised to expedite the same. The State Govt. was requested to examine bifurcating the renewal cases and fresh cases so that the details of the beneficiaries for renewal cases can be furnished without delay. The State Govt. representative also informed that Grievance Cell under this scheme is functioning.
<b>Karnataka:</b> No funds could be released during 2012-13 for want for clarification. Clarification regarding the abnormal increase in the number of beneficiaries from 1756 in 2011-12 to 4346 during 2012-13 was still due.	The State Govt. representative promised to expedite the requisite clarification.
<b>Kerala :</b>	An amount of Rs. 11.28 lakhs covering nearly 1687 beneficiaries during the year 2012-13 was released.

**A (vii) BABU JAGJIVAN RAM CHHATRAWAS YOJANA**

JS (SCD) impressed upon the need for construction of hostels within the timeframe and to submit the UC in time. He stated that 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. He also apprised the participating State Govt./UT Admn. that it would be difficult to sanction fresh hostels due to non-completion of hostels and non-furnishing of UC in time. He requested participating State Govt./UT Admn. 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. He has also informed the State Govt./UT Admn. that Notional Allocation for 2013-14 had been communicated to them and requested them to send the proposals for utilization of Notional Allocation as soon as possible. He highlighted the issues pending with State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka and Puducherry under Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojna. State Govt. responses were as under:



Andhra Pradesh:

Commissioner, Social Welfare, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh informed that against 10 sanctioned hostels during 2007-08 to 2010-11, 4 hostels have been completed and the remaining hostels would be completed soon and the pending UCs will also be provided very soon.

Kerala :

Secretary (Social Welfare) informed that they have completed all the sanctioned hostels and they will send the up dated Status of hostels and UC very soon.

Karnataka :

Commissioner (SC Development) had informed that against total 26 sanctioned hostels only 7 hostels are pending and all the pending hostels would be completed by the end of the year 2013-14.

Puducherry :

Director (Social Welfare) stated that construction of 2 sanctioned hostels are underway. However, due to non release of State matching share by Puducherry Administration the construction work of 1 boys hostel is being hampered. They have been advised to take up the matter with appropriate authorities and to complete the hostels as quickly as possible.

**A (viii) SCHEDULED CASTES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS (SCDCs):**

JS(SCD) described the objectives and main functions of SCDCs in his presentation. The SCDCs finance employment oriented Schemes covering various fields, viz. Agriculture, Small Scale Industries, Transport and trade and Service Sector, etc. State wise specific issues were discussed as follows:

<b>ISSUES</b>	<b>RESPONSES</b>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Share capital was released last time during 2007-08.</li><li>• The Corporation has not furnished Share Certificates for the Central Share Capital amounting to Rs.18611.31 Lakhs released by this Ministry.</li><li>• The Central Share of Equity could not be released to the Corporation after 2007-08 as the recovery rate was less than 60%.</li></ul>	The commissioner Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh stated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• After loan waiver, borrowing of loans under NSFDC/NSKFDC have stopped from 2008-09 onwards.</li><li>• Borrowing of loans from NDFDC / NSKFDC is under active consideration during 2013-14.</li></ul>

<p><b>Karnataka</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Central Share capital was released last time during 2009-10.</li> <li>• Further Share capital could not be released to the Corporation due to the recovery rate being much below the prescribed percentage of 60%.</li> </ul>	<p>The Commissioner Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Karnataka stated that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Development Corporation has been nominated as State Channelizing Agency for SCDC. It will be requested to take necessary action in this regard.</p>
<p><b>Kerala</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Central Share capital of Rs.87.84 lakhs was released during 2012-13.</li> </ul>	<p>As there was no pending issue with the Govt. of Kerala, so no response received.</p>
<p><b>Puducherry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Share Capital was released last time during 2004-05.</li> <li>• The Corporation informed on 05.11.2012 that complete proposal would be submitted in due course. No proposal received.</li> </ul>	<p>Director SC Development Department Puducherry stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PADCO has been nominated as a State Channelizing Agency (SCA) of NSFDC and NSKFDC since 1993</li> <li>• PADCO is constantly requesting NSFDC and NSKFDC for rescheduling of overdue amount payable to NSFDC which are more than one year old in order to minimize the burden of repayment and payment of penal interest and other liquidity damage charges etc.</li> </ul>

The states/UTs were also requested to immediately forward the digitized lists of the beneficiaries who have been disbursed scholarship amount in 2012-13 as requested vide JS(SCD)'s D.O. letter addressed to concerned Principal Secretaries as below:-

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Scheme</b>	<b>D.O. letter dated</b>
1.	Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students studying in Class IX& X	22.03.2013

## **B. Backward Classes Development**

**B (i)** 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 is Rs. 1200 crore for the year 2013-14 out of which Rs. 1,100 crore is for the welfare Schemes and Rs. 100 crore for the soft loans through NBCFDC.

**B (i) ii.** The notional allocation of funds has been intimated to the States/UTs under the Schemes of Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and construction of OBCs hostels on 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013 respectively. States were requested to send complete proposals by 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 under the Pre-Matric and construction of OBCs hostels Schemes.

**B (i) iii.** The States were requested to send the proposals as soon as possible.

**B (ii)** Subsequently, Scheme wise broad issues, discussed during the session are briefly summarized in the following paragraphs :

### **B (iii) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme**

**B (iii) 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 only Rs. 150 crore. In case at the end of the year, if any of the State does not avail the benefit, funds are diverted to other States.

**B (iii) ii.** The status of receipt of proposals from the Southern States under various schemes was also discussed as under:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Scheme</b>	<b>States from where proposals received</b>	<b>States from where proposals not received</b>
1.	Pre-Matric Scholarship	Incomplete proposal received from Andhra Pradesh	Kerala and Puducherry
2.	Construction of Hostels	Incomplete proposal received from Karnataka	Kerala and Puducherry

**B (iv) Construction of Hostel Scheme**

- B (iv) 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 (iv) ii.** Secretary, Government of Karnataka handed over a list of hostels sanctioned, completed and under construction under the scheme since 1999-2000. Out of the total 160 hostels sanctioned, 134 buildings have been completed and the work on the remaining 26 hostels is going on. He assured that very soon the State Government would complete the construction work at all the sites.
- B (iv) iii.** Principal Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh informed that they have received funds from their own State and they would be able to complete construction of 88 hostels pending very soon. Subsequently, the State Government will submit the proposal for release of Central Assistance.

**B (v) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme and Implementation of DBT**

- B (v) i.** Shri A. R. Sukumar, Pr. Secretary, Andhra Pradesh informed that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has yet to take a decision for implementation of DBT as per the norms suggested by the Central Government. He informed that the State Government is making huge provision from its own resources for the PMS-OBC Scheme, where as the funds provided by Government of India is very small.
- B (v) ii.** Additional Secretary, D/O SJE requested all the State Governments to speed up the work related to DBT in their respective States. They were also told about the seriousness of the Central Government in introducing the DBT system in scholarship schemes being run by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- B (v) iii.** Secretary, Government of Karnataka informed that they have not yet started disbursing the scholarships through banks/post offices as most of the students did not have Aadhar Numbers and banks are not readily agreeing for opening and maintaining zero frill accounts for students. However, the State Government took action to implement DBT in Tumkur, Mysore and Dharwad Districts with Aadhar bridge during 2013-14. For the remaining districts (27) the State Government is taking action to transfer the Post-Matric Scholarship amount to students' bank accounts without linking with Aadhar. From 2014-15 the State Government proposes to implement DBT with Aadhar in all districts. Shri Thippeswamy, Secretary, Government of Karnataka also informed that the students are also not volunteering for opening of bank account and enrolling for Aadhaar Number as they are not sure to get the scholarship under the Scheme due to funds constraints.

- B (v) iv.** Shri S.K.Panneer Selvam , Director, UT of Puducherry, informed that they do not have any problems in implementation of DBT. However, they requested that the format be changed to include State and Central share.
- B (v) v.** The representatives of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh expressed their willingness to sign MOUs for the purpose of DBT. They, however, requested that the time limit given for achieving various targets (completion of activities) should be extended.
- B (v) vi.** As the issue of method of disbursement of amount of scholarship to the beneficiaries was raised by many delegates, Additional Secretary, D/SJ&E informed that the Centre and State share would be on the basis of notional allocation and committed liability. Ministry needs a list of beneficiaries covered under the funds of “notional allocation” and the “committed liability”. The States should send lists of beneficiaries accordingly. He further clarified that the Centre is aware that this money may not be sufficient to cover all the beneficiaries. States can, therefore, devise their own system for short listing candidates on the basis of merit or on the basis of means as deemed appropriate. Further, the States are free to cover the remaining beneficiaries from their own resources.

**B (vi) Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (DNT)**

- B (vi) i.** It was explained that the Government was considering some positive interventions for the welfare of DNTs and the Ministry had sought some information in this regard. Information from Andhra Pradesh and Puducherry is awaited.
- B (vi) ii.** Secretary, Government of Karnataka informed that the State Government of Karnataka is implementing separate schemes for the DNTs.

**B (vii) 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**

The representatives from Karnataka and Puducherry requested that the Corporation should grant more loans to OBC candidates in their respective States. Shri A.A. Naqvi, MD requested the State representatives to send State Guarantees to the Corporation as soon as possible before it considered further assistance to them.

- B (ix)** After discussion, the following decisions were taken –
- B (ix) i.** States/UTs were requested to send the proposals by 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme and Construction of Hostels for OBC boys and girls.
  
  - B (ix) 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.
  
  - B (ix) 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**

- C (i).** 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. State Government were requested to send the nominations of suitable organizations/ individuals for the National Award.
- C (iii)** Principal Secretary of the State of Andhra Pradesh informed that the State Government has already appointed the Maintenance Officer and taken other necessary steps as required under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007.
- C (iv).** The representative from Puducherry informed that Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 is in force in the Union Territory of Puducherry. There is one home for rehabilitation of beggars. As per the Survey conducted by the Government there are 1000 beggars in the UT of Puducherry. Some of the representatives of the State Government desired to know the status of receipt of GIA to the NGOs in their States. They also desired that the State Governments should be informed about the release of GIA to NGOs.
- C (v).** Additional Secretary, SJ&E, concluding the session, requested all the State Governments to take necessary steps for implementation of Maintenance of Welfare of Parent and Senior Citizens Act, 2007. He also requested that the proposals under the scheme of IPOP and Prevention of Drug Abuse should be sent in time, so that NGOs working in the sector can get the financial assistance in time. He informed that the last date for receipt of the nomination for the National Awards for Senior Citizens will be extended upto 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013 and State Government should send the nomination of outstanding individuals and institutions for the Award. 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 Government can know about the NGOs who are getting the GIA and monitor their functioning.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

**D. Gist of 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 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.



**Annexure**

**List of participants of Regional Meeting of State Secretaries of  
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