

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES / SECRETARIES OF
WELFARE DEPARTMENTS OF NORTHERN STATES AND TAMIL NADU HELD ON
28.05.2013**

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 light of the presentation :-

A (i) PCR and 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 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.

The Additional Secretary, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment mentioned that process of amendments in the PoA Act had already commenced.

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 amendments 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 State wise discussion were held as follows:

(i) The Secretary, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, Tamil Nadu, mentioned that during 2012, a meeting of the State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee (SLVMC) was held on 21.6.2012. Likewise 61 meetings of the District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees (DLVMC) were held in 2012. It was also stated that the material for the Annual Report under the PCR and PoA Acts and Six Monthly Progress Reports (SMPR) for 2012 had been sent on 24.05.2013. The incentive amount for inter-caste marriages, where one of the spouses is a member of a Scheduled Caste, has been raised to Rs.25,000/-(earlier Rs. 20,000/-) with 4 grams of gold coin. Presently there are only four exclusive special courts for trial of cases under the PoA Act. In the

remaining districts, the regular District Sessions Courts which are designated as Special Courts try the cases under the Act. Since the designated special courts are already overburdened with other cases, the trial of cases in these courts is extremely slow. For setting up two more exclusive special courts at Villupuram (including Cuddalore district) and Sivaganga (including Ramanathapuram district), necessary orders would be issued shortly. All the District Superintendents of Police and all the Deputy Superintendents of Police in the State were trained at the Police Training College, Chennai, about enforcement of the PoA Act and are also sensitized about the court and judicial procedures.

The Joint Secretary (SCD) mentioned that under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of the PCR and PoA Acts, no Central assistance during 2012-13 could be released to Government of Tamil Nadu as the Utilization Certificate and the Audited Statement of expenditure for previous financial year was not received despite several reminders. He requested that the complete proposal for 2013-14 may be urgently furnished along with the required documents so that the due Central assistance can be released.

(ii) The Principal Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh, stated that a meeting of the SLVMC was held on 26.04.2013. 28 and 13 meetings of the DLVMC were also held during 2012 and 2013(so far). SMPR for 2012, has been sent on 17.5.2012. Low rate of conviction is indeed an area of concern. There are no specific atrocity prone areas in the State.

(iii) An officer of Government of Haryana mentioned that there is no atrocity prone area in the State. An amount of Rs.50,000/- is given as an incentive for an inter-caste marriage where one of the spouses is a member of a Scheduled Caste.

A (ii) SCA to SCSP: JS(SCD) emphasized on providing information about the number of families assisted, number of assisted families who crossed the poverty line and average per capita expenditure on the beneficiaries during 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13. He highlighted the recent instructions issued by the Ministry for utilization of, at least, 10% funds under the Scheme for skill development training, and urged the States to respond to the DO letter written by the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment to Chief Ministers for making a legislation on SCSP. Andhra Pradesh has already enacted legislation on SCSP. The specific issues, in respect of the scheme were discussed with the States as follows:-

| ISSUES | RESPONSES |
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| <p>HARYANA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pending UC for Rs. 824.97 lakhs for the Funds released during 2012-13 • Audited figures of expenditure for the years 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 • Annual Progress Report for the year ending 2012-13 • Action Plan for utilization of funds during 2013-14 • Unrealistic Per Capita subsidy during 2010-11 | <p>Joint Director, Department of Welfare, Govt. of Haryana stated that pending UCs would be sent within 3 months time and a proposal for utilization of 10% fund under SCA to SCSP is being processed for skill development programmes.</p> |
| <p>HIMACHAL PRADESH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audited Statement for 2010-11 and 2011-12 | <p>Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Himachal Pradesh informed that during 2012-13 under SCSP an amount of</p> |

| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Progress Report for 2012-13 • Action Plan for utilisation of funds during 2012-13. • Information regarding SC families covered under the composite economic development programmes and allocation under SCSP • Below Average Per Capita expenditure during 2009-10 and 2010-11 | <p>Rs.846.46 crore has been spent out of an outlay of Rs.934.69 crore. During 2013-14 an outlay of Rs.1013.52 crore has been made by the State under SCSP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilisation Certificates (UCs) for the amount of Rs.1464.56 lakh has been sent by the State and pending UC for Rs.1.24 lakh will be submitted shortly. • Number of the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families assisted and those who have crossed the Poverty Line are as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="824 562 1463 720"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>BPL families assisted</th> <th>No. of families who have crossed the poverty line</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2008-09</td> <td>18009</td> <td>1125</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2009-10</td> <td>18405</td> <td>961</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Skill Development Programme Rs.1.2 crore has been allocated in the Scheme of SCA to SCSP. | Year | BPL families assisted | No. of families who have crossed the poverty line | 2008-09 | 18009 | 1125 | 2009-10 | 18405 | 961 | | | |
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| 2008-09 | 18009 | 1125 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2009-10 | 18405 | 961 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>PUNJAB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pending U.Cs for Rs.914.61 lakhs • Audited figures for 2008-09,2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 • Annual Progress Report for the year ending 2012-13 • Action Plan for utilization of funds during 2013-14 • SCSP allocation compared to % of SC population of the State. • Below Average Per Capita expenditure during 2009-10 and excess during 2010-11. | <p>Director SC&BC Welfare Department, Government of Punjab stated that pending UCs are being submitted shortly, and a proposal has been prepared by the State Government for utilisation of 10% of SCA to SCSPs fund for Skill Development Programme. As soon as the proposal is approved by the State Government, a report on the fund allocated and beneficiaries assisted in the Scheme would be submitted.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>TAMIL NADU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audited statement of expenditure for the years 2011-12 • Annual Progress Report for the year ending 2012-13 • Action Plan for utilization of funds during 2013-14 • No. of BPL families assisted who crossed the poverty line during 2005-06 to 2008-09 • Unrealistic Per Capita subsidy during 2009-10 and 2010-11 | <p>Secretary, Department of Adi Dravidar & Tribal Welfare, Govt. of Tamil Nadu informed that Government of Tamil Nadu allocated funds under SCSP in proportion to Scheduled Caste population of the State, as per the guidelines of Planning Commission. During last three years allocations has been made as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="824 1577 1406 1734"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>%SC population</th> <th>% allocation under SCSP</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2011-12</td> <td>19.0</td> <td>21.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2012-13</td> <td>19.0</td> <td>21.82</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2013-14</td> <td>19.0</td> <td>19.03</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilisation Certificate of Rs.109.33 crore has been sent to Government of India and for the balance amount, it will be submitted shortly. • Annual Action Plan for 2013-14 and Audited | Year | %SC population | % allocation under SCSP | 2011-12 | 19.0 | 21.28 | 2012-13 | 19.0 | 21.82 | 2013-14 | 19.0 | 19.03 |
| Year | %SC population | % allocation under SCSP | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2011-12 | 19.0 | 21.28 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2012-13 | 19.0 | 21.82 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2013-14 | 19.0 | 19.03 | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | <p>Statement of Expenditure will be sent shortly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on assisted BPL families under the scheme and out of these who have been able to cross the poverty line will be rechecked and reported accordingly. |
| <p>UTTARAKHAND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audited statement of expenditure for the years 2008-09, 2009-10,2010-11 and 2011-12. • Annual Progress Report for the year ending 2012-13. • Action Plan for utilization of funds during 2013-14. • Number of families assisted in the Scheme during 2005-06 to 2008-09. • No. of BPL families assisted who crossed the poverty line during 2005-06 to 2008-09. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal Secretary Social Welfare Department, Government of Uttarakhand informed that a SCSP Bill has been approved by the Cabinet of Government of Uttarakhand. • During 2013-14, 10% of SCA to SCSP funds will be utilized for Skill Development Programme. • Annual Progress Report for year 2012-13, Annual Action Plan for 2013-14 and a Report on BPL families assisted and who have crossed the Poverty Line will be submitted shortly. |
| <p>NCT of DELHI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pending U.C for Rs.53.27 lakhs • Audited Statement for 2008-09,2009-10,2010-11and 2011-12. • Annual Progress Report for 2012-13. • SCSP allocation compared to %of SC population. • No. of BPL families assisted who crossed the poverty line during 2005-06 to 2008-09. | <p>Deputy Director, Department of Social Welfare, Government of NCT of Delhi stated that a part of the pending UCs is being submitted within a week's time and the balance UCs will be provided shortly. He informed that 10% of SCA to SCSP fund are being utilized for Skill Development Programme in Delhi.</p> |

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

State wise specific issues discussed were as follows:

| ISSUES | RESPONSES |
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| <p>HARYANA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Share capital was released last time during 2010-11. • Further, proposal not received from the Corporation. | <p>Joint Director, Department of Social Welfare, Govt. of Haryana stated that appropriate action would be taken on the issue.</p> |
| <p>Himachal Pradesh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Central Share capital of Rs.134.51 lakhs was released during 2012-13. | <p>Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Himachal Pradesh stated that HP SC & ST Development Corporation, which has been designated as State Channelizing Agency in HP will be requested to take</p> |

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| | <p>appropriate action as per Guidelines. In this regard he further requested as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The repayment period of loan from the State level Corporation should be 10 years whereas at present the repayment period is 5 years. • The NSFDC and NSKFDC should make appropriate provisions for bad debts. • The HPSC & ST Development Corporation took over the task of financing higher cost schemes in collaboration with NSFDC and NSKFDC. The apex Corporations provide funds to State Channelizing Agencies at 3% to 5% rate of interest, whereas this amount is passed on to the beneficiaries at 6% to 8% which is not sufficient to bear the administrative expenses of the Corporation. |
| <p><u>Punjab</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Share capital of Rs.100 lakhs was released during 2012-13. | <p>Director, Department of SC & BC Welfare, Govt. of Punjab stated that Corporation would be asked to apply this year also.</p> |
| <p><u>Tamil Nadu</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Share capital was released last time during 2003-04. • The Proposal for 2012-13 has been received but the Central Share of Capital could not be released to the Corporation as the paid up Share Capital of the Corporation has exceeded the authorized share capital. The Corporation has been requested to provide orders for enhancement of authorized share capital vide letter dated 24.02.2012. The Corporation has been requested to clarify whether the waiver of loan by the State Government of Tamil Nadu has resulted in erosion of equity in general and Central Government contribution of the equity in particular vide letter dated 17.10.2012. | <p>Secretary, Department of Adi Dravidar & Tribal Welfare, Govt. of Tamil Nadu stated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAHDCO has been designated as State Channelizing Agency in Tamil Nadu • The share capital was released last time during 2003-04 • The paid up share capital exceeded the authorized share capital. • The authorized share capital of the corporation has been increased from Rs.100.00 Crore to Rs.150.00 Crore <p>In case of NSFDC, he stated the position as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over due Rs.8.99 Crore • Total outstanding Principal Rs.15.20 Crore. Interest Rs.0.11 Crore. Total Rs.15.31 Crore. • As the recovery is poor, TAHDCO had sent a proposal to Government to give one time grant for setting NSFDC loan. And, in case of NSKFDC, the status is follows: • Over due: Rs.6.62 Crore. • Proposal has been sent to Government to repay the outstanding with the fund available with TAHDCO(SCA). • Total balance available Rs.1.83 Crore will be surrendered to NSKFDC. • Refund of unutilized funds of Rs.2.56 crore under SRMS is yet to be made. |

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| <p>Uttarakhand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Central equity Share was released last time during 2004-05. No further proposal received from the Corporation | <p>Principal Secretary Social Welfare Department, Government of Uttarakhand stated that necessary action would be initiated in this regard.</p> |
| <p>Delhi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Share capital was released last time during 1997-98. The Corporation was requested to provide audited accounts for the last five years vide letter No. 17014/20/2001-SCD-IV dated 03.02.2011. The same are awaited despite reminders. | <p>Deputy Director, Department of Social Welfare, Government of NCT of Delhi stated that instructions will be issued to SCDC to provide audited accounts to MoSJE immediately.</p> |

A (iv) 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 |
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| | | Nodal Officer | Proposal for funds | Progress of Survey | |
| 1. | Punjab | Received | Awaited | Not received | Director, Department of SC & BC Welfare, Govt. of Punjab stated that survey of manual scavengers in Punjab is being done by Urban Department. Proposals for funds and survey report will be submitted shortly. |
| 2. | Haryana | Awaited | Awaited | Not received | Joint Director, Department of Welfare, Govt. of Haryana stated that report on survey of manual scavengers would be sent shortly. |
| 3. | NCT of Delhi | Awaited | Awaited | Not received | Deputy Director, Department of Social Welfare, Government of NCT of Delhi stated that 1085 scavengers have been verified in Delhi till date. The final survey report will be submitted shortly. |

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| 4. | Uttarakhand | Awaited | Rs.25.1 lakh released on 8.5.13 | Not received | Principal Secretary Social Welfare Department, Government of Uttarakhand stated that survey of manual scavengers is being done by Urban Department in his State. Till date 1435 manual scavengers have been identified in his State. The final survey report would be submitted shortly. |
| 5. | Himachal Pradesh | Received | Awaited | Not received | Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Himachal Pradesh stated as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey of manual scavengers is being done by Urban Department. • Proposals for funds and survey report will be submitted shortly. |
| 6. | Tamil Nadu | Received | Awaited | Not received | Secretary, Department of Adi Dravidar & Tribal Welfare, Govt. of Tamil Nadu stated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government of Tamil Nadu declared it as Scavenger free State. • Commissionerate of Municipal Administration has been designated as “Nodal Agency” for conducting fresh survey of Manual Scavengers. • Under Self Employment Scheme for Manual Scavengers(SRMS), 10352(as on 31.03.2011) Scavengers and their dependents were rehabilitated with financial assistance of Rs. 33.07 crore. • Government of Tamil Nadu constituted a separate Welfare Board for Sanitary workers. • 1,20,191 members were enrolled. • Welfare measures viz., Scholarships, Marriage Assistance, Maternity Assistance, OAP Death on accident etc., are given. • Financial Assistance of Rs.1.02 crore given to 3913 persons. • The Final survey report will be submitted shortly. |

A (v) Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana:

HP and Tamil Nadu are covered under Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana. In HP, Solan and Sirmaur are the districts under which 100 and 125 villages respectively have been selected for the implementation of PMAGY scheme.

In Tamil Nadu, 157 and 68 villages have been selected from Tiruvarur and Cuddalore districts respectively for the implementation of PMAGY.

| Issue | Response/ Decision |
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| <p><u>Himachal Pradesh</u> Central assistance amounting to Rs 45.225 crores has been released till date. State has furnished details of utilized amount of Rs 73,95,326/-. Progress report for implementation of PMAGY upto 31/03/13 is awaited. Last report received is upto 30/06/2012.</p> | <p>The state was requested to furnish the progress report upto 31/03/13 at the earliest.</p> |
| <p><u>Tamil Nadu</u> Central assistance amounting to Rs 45.225 crores has been released till date. State has furnished UC amounting to Rs 4522.5 lakhs vide letter dated 19/03/13. Progress report for implementation of PMAGY upto 31/03/13 is awaited.</p> | <p>The state officials informed that the report will be handed over to the officials of M/o SJ&E on the same day. The report handed over is from Director of Adi Dravidar Welfare, TN addressed to the Secretary to Government, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, TN. It is not from the state officials to the Centre. Formal report from the State is awaited.</p> |

A (vi) Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana:

Secretary Social Justice & Empowerment in his opening address, inter-alia, stated that the notional allocation for each State/UT under the ‘Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana’ had already been intimated to the concerned States/UTs and proposals for construction of hostels for the year 2013-14 invited. The States were advised to take steps for sending complete proposals for seeking Central Assistance under the Scheme.

JS(SCD) stated that all the hostels sanctioned under the Scheme upto 2010-11 should have been completed by now as the time limit for construction of the hostels from the date of sanction, is two years. Pending Utilization Certificates should also have been forwarded. The Supreme Court during the hearing of a Writ Petition had directed to keep a strict watch over completion of the hostels. Presently, two boys hostel and one girls hostel in Himachal Pradesh; six boys hostels and three girls hostel in Tamil Nadu; one girls hostel each in Uttarakhand, Punjab sanctioned upto 2010-11 were yet to be completed. The State Governments were requested to work out a strict time frame for completion of the work. These States were also asked to furnish the pending UCs immediately in respect of the grants released upto 2010-11.

The Govt. of Himachal Pradesh informed that one girls hostel sanctioned in 2005-06 at Rampur could not be completed because the cost of construction had gone up. JS(SCD) informed that as per existing financial norms, Rs. 2 crore could be sanctioned by the Central Govt. for a hostel of 105 girls. The State Govt. may send a revised proposal with the request to adjust the amount already sanctioned. It was informed that for one already sanctioned boys hostel, change of location is required. Himachal Govt. was advised to drop the earlier proposal and send a fresh proposal for the new location. The State Govt. was informed that sanctions of new hostels during 2013-14 would be possible only after receipt of a firm commitment and time-frame for completion of the hostels already sanctioned and submission of pending UCs along with the present status of construction of the sanctioned hostels.

A (vii) 'Upgradation of Merit' of SC Students:

JS(SCD) informed that J&K, Tamil Nadu, Chandigarh & Delhi had not been implementing the Scheme and Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand were not utilizing the allocated slots fully. The State Govts. were requested to send their proposals for Central Assistance under the Scheme for 2013-14 expeditiously. The States were also informed that revision of the Scheme to double the existing allocation of slots for States/UTs was under process.

Secretary, Adi-Dravida Tamil Nadu informed that the proposal for release of grant of Rs. 79.50 lakh for the year 2011-12 was forwarded to the Ministry of Social Justice vide their letter dated 15.03.2012. However, Central Assistance has not been released so far. A copy of the said letter signed on 28.05.2013 was made available. On perusal of the letter it is noted that the State Govt. introduced the Scheme for the first time w.e.f. 2011-12 for the students studying in 9th to 12th. They had requested for a release of Rs. 79.50 lakh (for 53 slots @ Rs. 15,000/- per slot) to enable them to start the Scheme and had projected the expenditure of Rs. 79.50 lakh upto 2014-15. The State Govt. was requested to forward the proposal in the prescribed format at mail id (adisecy@tn.gov.in).

Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Himachal Pradesh suggested that the Scheme should also be implemented in the non-residential schools as there were hardly any residential schools in the State.

A (viii) Post Matric Scholarship for SCs :

| ISSUES | RESPONSES / DECISIONS |
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| <p>Himachal Pradesh :</p> <p>An amount of Rs. 2931.73 lakhs was released as Central Assistance during 2012-13 which included Rs. 89.25 lakhs as adhoc and Rs. 2842.48 lakhs as regular release. The representative of State Govt. informed that as a result of wide publicity given, the number of applicants for the scholarship has increased and, therefore, the State requires more Central Assistance.</p> | <p>JS (SCD) informed that the State Govt. should fix the committed liability for the scheme and then calculate their total requirement and submit the same with all details in the prescribed format.</p> |
| <p>Tamil Nadu :</p> <p>An amount of Rs. 14239.39 lakhs was disbursed as Central Assistance during 2012-13 which included Rs. 3946.90 lakhs as adhoc and Rs. 10292.49 lakhs as regular release. The representative of the State Govt. has informed that their requirement is much more than what has been received.</p> | <p>JS (SCD) informed that the Central Assistance was calculated after taking into consideration the committed liability of the State and the unspent balance.</p> |
| <p>Punjab :</p> <p>An amount of Rs. 398.92 lakhs was disbursed as Central Assistance during 2012-13 on adhoc basis. The State Govt. representative has informed that the arrears for 2012-13 were not paid.</p> | <p>JS (SCD) informed that the State Govt. should furnish actual figures in place of anticipated for the year 2012-13. The detailed proposal may be sent which will be considered.</p> |

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

| ISSUES | RESPONSES / DECISIONS |
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| Haryana : | Proposal was not received during 2012-13 inspite of reminders. The State Govt. was advised to send detailed proposal in time for the year 2013-14. |
| Jammu & Kashmir : | Proposal was not received during 2012-13 inspite of reminders. No State Govt. representative attended the meeting. |
| Himachal Pradesh : | An amount of Rs. 862.44 lakhs was released as Central Assistance during 2012-13. UCs should be furnished immediately. |
| Punjab : | An amount of Rs. 3927.57 lakhs was released as Central Assistance during 2012-13. UCs should be furnished immediately. |
| Tamil Nadu : | An amount of Rs. 4113.93 lakhs was released as Central Assistance during 2012-13. UCs should be furnished immediately. |
| Uttarakhand : | An amount of Rs. 1597.18 lakhs was released as Central Assistance during 2012-13. UCs should be furnished immediately. |
| Delhi : | Sanction for an amount of Rs. 663.18 lakhs was issued. CA was not released as there was no specific budget head. It was informed that the CA is likely to be released in July/August 2013. |

The states/UTs were also requested to furnish digitised lists of beneficiaries to whom the scholarship assistance was released for 2012-13.

A (x) Pre-Matric Scholarship to the Children of those engaged in 'unclean' occupations :

| ISSUES | RESPONSES / DECISIONS |
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| Haryana : | No proposal was received. |
| Uttarakhand : | No proposal was received. |
| Delhi : | No proposal was received. |
| Jammu & Kashmir : | State Govt. has not submitted requisite UC inspite of reminders. Hence, no CA was released (no representative attended the meeting). |
| Himachal Pradesh : | An amount of Rs. 26.16 lakhs was released as CA for the year 2012-13. |
| Tamil Nadu : | No CA could be released as UC was not submitted by the State Govt. There was no confirmation of unspent balance and the State Govt. has been asked to furnish the requisite details. |

The States/UTs were also requested to immediately forward the digitized lists of the beneficiaries who have been disbursed scholarship amount in 2012-13.

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** Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme, Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme, Construction of Hostels, issues relating to NBCFDC, preparation of lists of DNTs, DBT.
- B (i) ii** 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) iii** The notional allocation of funds was also intimated to the States/UTs under the Schemes of Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and construction of OBCs hostels. States were requested to send complete proposals by 30th June, 2013 under the Pre-Matric and construction of OBCs hostels Schemes.
- B (i) iv** The status of receipt of proposals from the Northern States and Tamil Nadu under various schemes was also discussed as under:

| S. No. | Scheme | States from where proposals received | States from where proposals not received |
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| 1. | Pre-Matric Scholarship | Nil | Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu |
| 2. | Post-Matric Scholarship | Nil | |
| 3. | Construction of Hostels | Nil | |

- B (i) v** The States were requested to send the proposals as soon as possible. Dr. Arul Mozhi, Principal Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu handed over the proposals for the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme, Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme and Construction of Hostels during the meeting.
- 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. Unless the completion report is sent, further allocation cannot be made.
- B (ii)** The following issues were also discussed with the representatives of the State Governments and they were asked to forward their replies soon:
- The time frame within which the proposals for the scholarship schemes and hostels can be sent?
 - Update on the status of payment of scholarships through Banks.
 - Difficulties, if any, faced in running the scholarship schemes and the scheme for construction of hostels?
 - Uploading of district-wise/Institution-wise list of beneficiaries on the website.

- Physical and Financial Progress Report for the year 2011-12 be sent to Ministry in prescribed formats as soon as possible.

Subsequently, Scheme wise broad issues, discussed during the session are briefly summarized in the following paragraphs.

B (iii) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme

Secretary, D/SJ&E informed that the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme is fund limited 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 will be diverted to other States.

B (iv) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme

Dr. Arul Mozhi, Principal Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu informed that they are disbursing the Post Matric Scholarships through banks.

B (v) Construction of Hostel Scheme

B (v) i. JS (BC) informed that the scheme is proposed to be revised soon and effort is on to bring the Scheme at par with that of the SCD scheme of BJRCY.

B (v) ii. Shri Raju, Principal Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand requested that since Uttarakhand is a special category State the Central Assistance under the Scheme “Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls” may be enhanced to bring the State at par with the States of North East Region. The Principal Secretary also added that some Ministries are giving this dispensation to the State. Secretary, D/SJ&E assured the officers of the Uttarakhand Government that the issue would be examined in consultation with the Planning Commission.

B (v) iii. Shri M.S.Negi, Joint Director, Government of Himachal Pradesh brought to the notice the delay in the construction of hostels for OBC students.

B (vi) Additional Secretary, D/SJ&E elaborated on the concept of notional allocation and committed liability. He also informed that if any State fails to come up with complete proposal against notional allocation, the amount of notional allocation would be diverted to fulfill the demands of other States, to the extent possible. The representatives of States were requested to speed up their complete proposals, Utilization Certificates and posting of information on beneficiaries on their websites. As directed by Addl. Secretary, Director (BC) informed the committed liability of the respective States under the Schemes to the State representatives.

B (vii) Implementation of DBT

- B (vii) i** Secretary, D/O SJE requested all the State Governments to speed up the work related to DBT in their respective States. They were impressed on about the seriousness of the Central Government in introducing the DBT system in scholarship schemes being run by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- B (vii) ii** Principal Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu informed that they are disbursing the scholarships through banks. Since the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu had taken up the issue of implementation of Direct Benefit Transfers Scheme with the Prime Minister, it is not possible for them to discuss the modalities of the implementation of the DBT Scheme in their State.
- B (vii) iii** Shri Ashok Dongre, Commissioner, Government of Tamil Nadu informed that it will be very difficult to recover the funds released to the students on account of tuition fee and other charges. They suggested that the funds for the institution and the beneficiary may be segregated.
- B (vii) iv** Principal Secretary, Government of Himachal Pradesh, informed that Himachal Pradesh is fully prepared for the implementation of DBT. They have also engaged the Centre for e-governance for development of on-line application e-pass similar to that being used by Andhra Pradesh.
- B (vii) v** Principal Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand, requested the Ministry to explain the procedure for apportionment of the funds between Centre and the State. The Additional Secretary, D/SJ&E informed that the Centre and State share will be on the ratio of notional allocation and committed liability. The Ministry's obligation is limited to such number of beneficiaries whose total requirement will add up to State's notional allocation and the State's committed liability. The States should send lists of beneficiaries accordingly. The Central Government is aware that this may not be sufficient to cover all the beneficiaries. States can opt for the short listing criteria on the basis of merit or on the basis of means, as deemed appropriate. Further, the States are free to cover the balance beneficiaries from their own resources.

B (viii) NATIONAL BACKWARD CLASSES FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Shri A.A. Naqvi, MD made a presentation on the functioning of NBCFDC. The representative of Uttarakhand Government raised the point that loan sanctioned by NBCFDC for buying a vehicle for commercial use is only Rs. 2 lakhs which is insufficient for this purpose. The MD, NBCFDC assured the representatives of Uttarakhand that he would examine the issue.

On the request of the delegates, Additional Secretary, D/SJ&E stated that minutes of the meeting and copies of the presentations would be made available on the website of this Ministry.

C. Social Defence

- C (i)** Joint Secretary (SD), Shri T.R. Meena made a brief presentation on the activities being carried out by Social Defence Bureau of the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment. JS (SD) informed that the proposals from State Governments are received very late and without all the required documents. This creates problems in processing and release of funds. The State Governments were requested to send the proposals after due diligence and well in time.
- C (ii)** Pr. Secretary, Himachal Pradesh informed that the State Government is running an Old Age Home for the senior citizens. He requested that additional funds may be provided to the State Government to run this Old Age Home, so that this can run with better facilities.
- C (iii)** Secretary, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment requested that the State Government of Himachal Pradesh may send a proposal in this regard and the Ministry will look into it as the scheme of Integrated Programme of Older Persons is under revision.
- C (iv)** Representative from the Government of NCT of Delhi suggested that Seminars/ Workshops should be organized by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment in which State Government officers / NGOs may be invited, so that they can be sensitized. JS (SD) informed that State Government may send a proposal in this regard.
- C (v)** The representative from Govt. of NCT of Delhi and Uttarakhand requested that the last date for sending the nominations for the National Award for Senior Citizens is 31st May, 2013 and only 3 days are left. Therefore, it was requested that the last date may be extended so that the State Governments may send nominations of suitable organizations / individuals. Secretary, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment informed that the Ministry will look into it and will extend the last date.
- C (vi)** Representative from the State of Punjab informed that they have sent the information required for the advance pilot survey of Drug Abuse. They also requested that at present RRTC Society for Promotion of Youth and Masses (SPYM) is attached with them for assisting them in the survey work. However, they are not getting the required assistance from SPYM. Therefore, they requested that the other RRTC, GUNJAN may be attached with them for assisting in the survey work. JS (SD) requested to send a formal request from the Principal Secretary / Secretary, State Govt. of Punjab.
- C (vii)** Representative from the Govt. of NCT of Delhi informed that they are planning a survey on Drug Abuse in Delhi. However, the funds required for this purpose are very high. Therefore, he requested that if the Central Government may assist the Govt. of NCT of Delhi for conducting the survey. JS (SD) requested the representative from the Govt. of NCT of Delhi to send the proposal for the funds required in this regard.
- D** Secretary, SJ&E concluding the session, requested all the State Governments to take necessary step for implementation 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. He also requested that State Govts. may launch awareness campaign for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse.

Meeting ended with a vote of 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.

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