

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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EMPOWERMENT OF WEAKER SECTIONS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether any mechanism is in place to assess the success achieved by various programmes aimed at empowerment of weaker sections in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated for implementation of schemes aimed at empowerment of weaker sections during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to assess the effectiveness of implementation of its various schemes, the Ministry sponsors evaluation studies through independent evaluation agencies. Moreover, the impact of various schemes is also reviewed from time to time with State Governments and other implementing agencies. Besides, Nodal Officers have also been appointed for each State to regularly interact with the State Governments and review the progress of the Schemes of the Ministry.

(c) The plan funds allocated under various schemes of the Ministry implemented for educational, economic and social empowerment Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes during the last three years are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Schemes/Programmes for	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Welfare of:			

Scheduled Castes	1521.50	1815.50	1900.00
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Other Backward Classes	177.50	237.50	245.00
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