

**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 there is any mechanism to assess the achievement of various programmes being run for empowerment of the weaker sections in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated for implementation of various schemes being run for empowerment of the weaker sections during each of the last three years?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND 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 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 of Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes during the last three years and current year are as follows:

(Rs. in Crores)  
Schemes/ Programmes 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11  
for welfare of:

Scheduled Castes 1521.50 1815.50 1900.00 3327.00  
Other Backward Classes 177.50 237.50 245.00 500.00