

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps for the social empowerment of Dalits; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken in this direction in the Eleventh and Twelfth Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI P. BALRAM NAIK)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. This Ministry is implementing a number of Schemes / Programmes for the development and social empowerment of Scheduled Castes. The names of these Schemes and the expenditure incurred on these Schemes during the Eleventh Five Year Plan is at Annexure.

These Schemes would also be continued during the Twelfth Five Year Plan. A new Scheme 'Pre Matric Scholarship for SC Students for students studying in class IX and X' has been introduced in the year 2012-13.