

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

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ASSISTANCE TO NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

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

- (a) the details of Centrally sponsored schemes including those run by the Non- Governmental Organisations (NGOs) under the Ministry;
- (b) whether the existing schemes for providing financial assistance to the NGOs engaged in the welfare of SC/OBC and other needy sections of the society have been reviewed recently or proposed to be reviewed and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up a National Panel to check misuse of Government funds by the NGOs;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the measures taken by the Government to monitor the utilisation of funds granted to various NGOs to take action against the NGOs in case of any misutilisation/diversion of funds?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) : The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing following major schemes: -

- (i) Pre-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Caste Students studying in classes IX and X
- (ii) Post-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Caste Students
- (iii) Pre-Matric Scholarships for the Children of those engaged in 'unclean' occupations
- (iv) Scheme of Top Class Education for Scheduled Caste students
- (v) Scheme of 'Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship' for providing Scholarships to Scheduled Caste Students to pursue Higher Education such as M.Phil and Ph.D.
- (vi) Post-matric Scholarship for OBC students
- (vii) Pre-matric Scholarship for OBC Students
- (viii) National Scholarship for Persons with Disabilities
- (ix) Scholarships Scheme for Persons with Disabilities under Trust Fund and National Fund
- (x) Scheme of Free Coaching for Scheduled Castes and OBC Students
- (xi) Scheme of Grant in Aid to Voluntary Organisations working for Scheduled Castes
- (xii) Assistance to Voluntary Organizations for Welfare of OBCs
- (xiii) Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/ Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP Scheme)
- (xiv) Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities (DDRS Scheme)
- (xv) An Integrated Programme for Older Persons
- (xvi) Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse

Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) are granted funds by this Ministry under the schemes mentioned at (xi) to (xvi) above.

(b) : Reviewing of the schemes is an ongoing process and whenever required suitable modifications are made in the schemes.

(c) : There is no such proposal.

(d) : Does not arise.

(e) : The Ministry ensures better monitoring of the schemes to enhance transparency and accountability in the following ways:

(i) Fresh/subsequent releases of grants to implementing agencies during a year are made only on receipt of Utilization Certificates in respect of previous year's grants, which have become due.

(ii) Review of schemes/programmes by the officers of the Ministry during their visits to the States.

(iii) The schemes/programmes implemented through NGOs are also monitored by respective State Governments/UT Administrations.

(iv) The Ministry sponsors evaluation studies from time to time through independent evaluation agencies, inter alia, to check proper utilization of funds by the implementing agencies under various Schemes/Programmes.

(v) In the event of proven misappropriation of funds by an NGO, the Ministry initiates action to blacklist the NGO.