

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WELFARE SCHEMES FOR SCS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes implemented/being implemented for the welfare and overall development of the Scheduled Castes in the country;
- (b) whether the said schemes have achieved their objectives;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure that these schemes are implemented as per the guidelines and directions of the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) to (c) The details of the Schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for the educational and economic development and social empowerment of the Scheduled Castes are at ANNEXURE.

Various evaluation studies concerning the major schemes have shown that the schemes are serving their purpose. The Schemes are also revised from time to time according to the requirement.

(d) The various initiatives taken by the Ministry for monitoring the progress of the schemes include the following:

- (i) Quarterly/Annual Progress Reports furnished by the State Governments/UT Administrations and other implementing agencies.
- (ii) The Ministry sponsors evaluation studies from time to time through independent evaluation agencies, to, interalia, check proper utilization of funds by the implementing agencies.
- (iii) 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.
- (iv) Conference of the State Social Welfare Ministers at periodic intervals and the Annual Conference of the State Welfare Secretaries organised by the Ministry.
- (v) Review of Schemes/Programmes by the officers of the Ministry during their visits to the States/UTs.