

Additional Instruction

D.O No.11014/5/98-SCD-II

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Ministry of Social Justice and

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Government of India

Shastri Bhavan

New Delhi-110001

Dated 9.10.2000

Dear

As you are aware, guidelines on provision of Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Special Component Plan (SCP) of the State Governments/UT Administrations was last revised and circulated vide d.o. No.11014/21/97-SCD-II dated 6.10.98. As this assistance is provided as an additive to the SCP for welfare of Scheduled Castes, the amended guidelines provided that the State Governments/UT Administrations will have full flexibility in utilizing the SCA, subject to the condition that it should be utilized in conjunction with the SCP and other resources available from other sources like various corporations, financial institutions etc. The SCA is to be utilized mainly for assisting SC families, living below the poverty line bridging the critical gaps and providing missing inputs of vital nature for making the schemes more meaningful. Utilization of upto 10% of the SCA for development of required infrastructure is provided under the guidelines.

2. With a view to implement the schemes in a more focused manner, the State Government/UT Administration have been requested to submit project report for utilization of admissible SCA during 2000-01 indicating the economic activities proposed to be financed, provision of required forward and backward linkages, flow of institutional finance and other details. This Ministry's D.O. letter number 11014/30/99-SCD-II (Pt) dated 25.5.2000 may please be referred to in this regard. We have not received detailed project reports from your State so far. The first installment of SCA has been released to your State based on population and relative backwardness. You are requested to give your personal attention and arrange for sending project reports and utilization certificate in respect of the amount sanctioned so far at the earliest. It may please be noted that release of 2nd instalment of SCA would be considered only on getting the project reports and utilization certificate.

3. Subsequent to issue of the guidelines indicated above, certain clarification on utilization of the SCA by the State Government/UT Administration have been sought. The position in respect of the points raised is hereby clarified as follows:

(i) In this Ministry's letter No.16011/1/94-SCD-IV dated 23rd August, 1994, it was clarified that SC beneficiaries, living below the poverty line may be provided assistance under SCA in manner similar to those admissible under the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP). The Ministry of Rural Development has launched the Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) in April, 1999, in place of IRDP, as a holistic programme covering all aspects of self employment, such as organization of poor into self help groups, and provision of training, credit, technology, infrastructure and marketing etc. to such groups, for enabling the poor families to cross the poverty line. The SGSY adopt a project approach for each key activity. The poor families are to be assisted for taking up viable income generating activities, through a mix of institutional finance and subsidy. Guidelines of SGSY provides that credit will be the critical component and subsidy will be the only a minor and enabling element. In view of the above, relevant provisions of SGSY, may be adopted as a totality, while utilizing SCA. Amount of subsidy admissible under SGSY i.e. subject to a maximum of Rs.10, 000 per beneficiary may accordingly

be adopted in case of Special Central Assistance. The number of SC families assisted under the Scheme and the number crossing the poverty line may be monitored and reported to the Ministry on quarterly basis.

(ii) As regards selection of SC families living below poverty line and definition of poverty line, the guidelines issued by the Planning Commission and the procedure laid down by the Ministry of Rural Development for selecting the beneficiaries through the Panchayati Raj Institutions may be adopted.

(iii) Special Central Assistance should be utilized only for the purpose specified under the guidelines and should not be diverted for any other purpose.

4. We are separately communicating dates for discussing the SCP of your State for the year 2000-01 as well as the project report for utilization of SCA, some time in Oct-Nov 2000. As the matter relates to welfare of Scheduled Castes, I shall be grateful to you for giving your personal attention on the matter and arrange to send the project report and SCP document at the earliest.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(S.K. PANDA)

Secretary
Social Welfare Deptt.
Govt. of (24 States)
(As per list attached)

No.11014/ 8/2003-SCD-II
Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated 29.3.2007

To,

(27 States/UTs)

Subject: - Guidelines for utilization of Special Central Assistance (SCA) to the Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP).

The fundamental objectives and the basic operative principles of the approved Special Central Assistance scheme are (a) economic development of the SC target groups by way of employment or self employment either in primary or secondary or tertiary sectors, (b) Special emphasis on training and skill development with forward linkages for employment and occupational diversification.

2. It has been the endeavor of this Ministry to serve the larger cause of the target groups by guiding the State Governments in directing their efforts and initiatives from time to time. As a further initiative, the Ministry has decided to draw a new road map for the empowerment of the SC target groups in tune with the opportunities offered by the modern era of globalization and liberalization. In this exercise the most important component is quality and excellence, both in professional education and training which have a direct linkage with high -end employment.

3. The need of the hour is to promote sunrise sectors through the Special Central Assistance mechanism without leaving any scope or possibility for dilution of the qualitative excellence of the new programmes. While doing so the emphasis would rest on choosing the best out of the available market by diligent observance of norms of propriety and transparency. It is thus felt necessary to include capacity building programmes matching the new sunrise high-end sectors within the existing format of the scheme of Special Central Assistance. An illustrative list of such sectors is Commercial Pilot Course, Aviation and Hospitality Course, course in Fashion Technology, General Nursing Course and Hotel Management Course. These are all income generating activities and fit into the scheme of Special Central Assistance.

4. The recent public private partnership initiative taken by the Government of Karnataka in such high-end sunrise sectors have come to the notice of this Ministry. They have started various training courses after a competitive exercise and deliberate effort to have minimal possible costs. This Ministry would like similar or better initiatives by other States also.

5. The focus of Special Central Assistance is to bring in economic development through occupational diversification and professionalization in a changing market situation. The development approach of the Governments therefore needs to change with the changing course of Indian economy. The States need to identify the activities according to their felt needs and support them through Special Central Assistance if they fit into the broad mandate of the scheme.

6. With these amplifications, the State Governments/UT Administrations are requested to open up more avenues for the SC youth to prove their potential and excellence in high-end income generating activities.

7. These guidelines will come into effect/introduced from 2007-08

8. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-
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Joint Secretary to Government of India

No.11014/ 8/2003-SCD-II
Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

To
The Secretaries in charge of SC Welfare,
All States/UTs.

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated 24.8.07

Subject: Guidelines for utilization of Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Caste Sub Plan.

Sir,

The scheme of Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Caste Sub Plan was started in 1980 to give a thrust to the development programmes for the Scheduled Castes (SCs), with particular reference to their occupational pattern and to the need for increasing the productivity of and income from their limited resources.

2. In view of the varying needs and availability of opportunities in different States of the country and even with different regions of the same State, State Govts have been given flexibility in choice of scheme to be implemented out of SCA. However, this Ministry has been issuing enabling guidelines from time to time to focus directions of the State Govts towards newer avenues and to address some of the chronic disabilities suffered by SCs, especially with respect to lack of access to essential services.

3. Atrocities on SCs is an area of concern. Lack of basic infrastructural facilities is one of the important factors responsible for incidents of atrocities in the remote and inaccessible villages/habitations of Scheduled Castes. Further, awareness among SCs about the legal provisions to check the atrocities is limited by the lack of education.

4. In order to address the concerns stated above, special steps are required to be taken. As a first step all the State Govts should identify atrocity prone areas. For development of these areas, State Govt are requested to undertake following activities out of the SCA released by the Ministry:

- i. Guidelines for utilizing upto 10% of SCA released in a year on infrastructure development in SC dominated Blocks/villages were issued vide this Ministry's letters dated 29.7.93 and 7.9.98. Priority should be given to identify atrocity prone areas in implementation of infrastructure development schemes.
- ii. Setting up of primary schools for Scheduled Castes; and
- iii. Coverage of beneficiaries from these identified Districts on priority basis under the income-generating beneficiary oriented schemes.

5. Since SCA is provided as an additive, the funds earmarked for SCSP under different sectors of the State Plan should be effectively mobilized and pooled together for deriving optimum outcome.

6. These guidelines will come into effect immediately.

Yours Sincerely,
Sd/-
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Joint Secretary to Government of India

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No.11014/22/2012-SCD-II
Government of India
Department of Social Justice & Empowerment

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi - 110 115
Dated 2nd May, 2013

To
The Principal Secretary/Secretary,

Department of Social Welfare/Scheduled Castes Development,
27 State Govt./UT Administration

Subject:- **Guidelines for utilisation of funds in Skill Development Programmes under the Central Sector Scheme of Special Central Assistance(SCA) to Scheduled Caste Sub Plan(SCSP).**

Sir,

The Government of India in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing a "**Central Sector Scheme of Special Central Assistance(SCA) to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan(SCSP)**" since 1980 for the development of Scheduled Castes who form the major chunk of the country's population living below the poverty line. The main objective of this scheme is to give a thrust to family oriented schemes of economic development of Scheduled Castes living below the poverty line. The important provisions of the scheme, inter alia, include the following:

- Utilisation of 15% and 5% of total SCA released in a year to be used for the economic development of SC women and disabled persons among SCs respectively;
- Upto 10% of the total SCA released in a year can be utilized for infrastructure development programmes in villages having more than 50% SC population;
- Upto 3% of SCA released in a year can be utilised for monitoring and evaluation of the scheme.

2. This Ministry, vide letter No.11014/8/2003-SCD-II,dated 29.03.2007(copy enclosed), had also issued guidelines for utilisation of funds for economic development of the SC target group by laying emphasis on training and skill development, as well as working out forward linkages for employment and occupational diversification in the primary, secondary and tertiary sectors. However, so far, there was no earmarking of funds under the Scheme, specifically for skill development programmes.

3. The State Governments/UT Administrations are, therefore, requested that at least 10% of the funds of SCA to SCSP should be utilised for skill development programmes within existing framework of the Scheme w.e.f the current financial year 2013-14, in order to enhance the employability of the target group.

4. This issues with approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
(Sanjeev Kumar)
Joint Secretary to Government of India

Encl: As above

No.11014/22/2012-SCD-II
Government of India
Department of Social Justice and Empowerment

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi - 110 115
Dated 6th June, 2013

To

The Principal Secretary/Secretary,
Department of Social Welfare/Scheduled Castes Development,
27 State Government/UT Administrations

Sir/Madam,

In continuation of this Ministry's letter No. 11014/22/2012-SCD-II dated 2.05.2013(copy enclosed), the undersigned is directed to state that after completion of the training programmes for skill development of SC beneficiaries, to be implemented with the support of Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan funds, placement of, at least, 70% of the trained candidates either in waged employment or in self employment may please be ensured.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-
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Encl: As above

No.11014/22/2012-SCD-II
Government of India
Department of Social Justice and Empowerment

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi - 110 115

Dated 11th September, 2014

To

The Principal Secretary/Secretary,
Department of Social Welfare/Scheduled Castes Development,
State Government/UT Administration of 28 States/UTs (As per list enclosed)

Sir/Madam,

In continuation of this Ministry's letter dated 2.05.2013 (Annexure-I) and 6.06.2013 (Annexure-II), the undersigned is directed to state that in order to give necessary impetus for economic development of women, out of the total SC beneficiaries covered under Skill Development programmes, participation of atleast 30% women candidates may be ensured.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

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Encl: As above

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Sd/-

(G K Dwivedi)
