

DIRECTORATE OF WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES (ASSAM)



सत्यमेव जयते

Annual Administrative Report
2015-16

**SWAHID DILIP HUZURI PATH, SARUMOTORIA
GUWAHATI - 781006**

P R E F A C E

The Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Assam is an important Directorate implementing schemes for the welfare of the Scheduled Castes of Assam since its inception on 27.7.1989. It has endeavoured its best to implement various schemes for the welfare of the Scheduled Castes. In order to give a general picture of the Directorate about its activities as well as achievements for the year 2015-16, an Annual Administrative Report 2015-16 has been prepared.

The Annual Report helps in examining the achievements of the last year and provides impetus for better achievement in future.

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DIRECTOR

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ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT OF THE DIRECTORATE OF WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES FOR THE YEAR-2015-2016.

The Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Assam was established in 1989 under the administrative control of the Department of Plain Tribes and Backward Classes. Prior to establishment of this Directorate, all schemes for the welfare of Scheduled Castes were dealt by the Directorate of Plain Tribes and Backward Classes. After setting up of the Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes all schemes have been transferred from the Directorate of W.P.T & B.C to this Directorate. The Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes is implementing a number of some socio-economic schemes for welfare of Scheduled Castes people. The Directorate is headed by a senior level ACS officer. There is one Deputy Director, one Research Officer, one Assistant Research officer, two Research Assistants, one Superintendent, one Accountant and other assistants. As this Directorate has no District or Sub-Divisional level set-up, schemes are implemented through the Sub-Divisional Welfare Officers under the guidance of Sub-Divisional Scheduled Castes Development Boards. The Sub-Divisional SC Development Board is set-up in each Sub-Division of Plain Districts of Assam and attached to the Sub-Divisional Welfare Office to formulate the SCSP schemes of the Development Departments and also to review the progress of the schemes implemented by the development Departments in the Sub-Division. The Pre-Matric scholarship and grants-in-aid schemes and FOIG scheme of this Directorate are being implemented through the Sub-Divisional Welfare Officers while the Post-Matric scholarship are being distributed through the Project Director, I.T.D.Ps. The Project Director and Sub-Divisional Welfare Officer are under the administrative control of the Directorate of WPT & BC.

List of the Officers of Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled castes.

Head quarter level .

| Sl. No. | Name | Designation |
|---------|--|-------------------------|
| 1 | Sri Binit Kr. Saikia, ACS (<i>Retd. on 29/02/16</i>) | Director |
| | Sri Manoranjan Dutta, ACS (<i>Joined on 15/03/16</i>) | Director (i/c) |
| 2 | Sri Dharmananda Baruah, ACS (<i>Transferred on 29/02/16</i>) | Deputy Director |
| 3 | Sri Satyadhan Mazumdar (<i>Retd. on 31/01/16</i>) | Research Officer |
| 4 | Sri Rameswar Borah | Asstt. Research Officer |
| 5 | Sri Dinesh Ch. Baishya | Research Assistant |
| 6 | Sri Jagadish Das | Research Assistant |
| 7 | Sri Ramesh Ch. Bharali | Superintendent (i/c) |

No. of sanctioned posts and staff position during 2015-16 (as on 31.03.2016)

The Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes is functioning with the following staff:-

| Sl. No. | Class wise | No. of Post | Position |
|--------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1 | Class-I | 3 | 3 |
| 2 | Class-II | 4 | 3 |
| 3 | Class-III | 14 | 14 |
| 4 | Grade-IV | 5 | 5 |
| Total | | 26 | 25 |

Staff position in Sub-Division:-

The Directorate has no branch office. However, to monitor the Scheduled Castes Component Plan Schemes, the following posts were sanctioned in the Sub-Divisional Welfare Offices in Assam.

| Sl. No. | Name of the Sanctioned posts | No. of Posts |
|---------|------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Research Assistant | 34 (One each in every Sub- Division) |
| 2 | Computer | 3 (One each in Bajali / Nazira/ Kaliabor Sub-Division) |
| 3 | L.D.A | 4 (One each in Nagaon/ Silchar/ Guwahati/ Karimganj Sub-Division) |

Location of Head Office

The Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Assam is now functioning from a rented house at Swahid Dilip Huzuri Path (Bus Stop: Dispur Super Market) Sarumotoria, Guwahati-6.

Scheduled Castes Population

As per 2011 census, the total population of Assam was 3,12,05,576. Out of which the Scheduled Castes population was 22,31,321 constitutes of 7.15% of the total population of Assam.

Sixteen Sub-Castes, namely (1) Namasudra (2) Kaibarta/Jalia (3) Muchi/Rishsi (4) Hira (5) Patni (6) Sutradhar (7) Jhalo Malo (8) Bania/Brittal Bania (9) Mali/Bhuimali (10) Dhubi/Dhupi (11) Bansphor (12) Bhangi (13) Dholi (14) Mahara (15) Jalkeot (16) Lalbegi are recognized as Scheduled Castes in Assam.

Scheduled Caste people usually live intermixed with the general population of the State. Nagaon District has the largest percentage of SC population being 11.94% of the total population followed by Cachar 11.87% and Kamrup 9.39% as per 2011 census.

District wise Scheduled Caste population are as follows :-

(As per 2011 census)

| Sl. No. | Name of the District | Scheduled Castes population | Percentage of the total SC population of the State |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 1 | Dhubri | 70395 | 3.15 |
| 2 | Kokrajhar | 29570 | 1.33 |
| 3 | Goalpara | 45094 | 2.02 |
| 4 | Bongaigaon | 82784 | 3.71 |
| 5 | Barpeta | 95320 | 4.27 |
| 6 | Nalbari | 60216 | 2.7 |
| 7 | Kamrup | 209616 | 9.39 |
| 8 | Darrang | 40260 | 1.8 |
| 9 | Sonitpur | 109130 | 4.89 |
| 10 | Lakhimpur | 81840 | 3.67 |
| 11 | Dhemaji | 44225 | 1.98 |
| 12 | Dibrugarh | 58876 | 2.64 |
| 13 | Tinsukia | 37688 | 1.69 |
| 14 | Jorhat | 88665 | 3.97 |
| 15 | Golaghat | 62298 | 2.79 |
| 16 | Sibsagar | 42347 | 1.9 |
| 17 | Nagaon | 266350 | 11.94 |
| 18 | Morigaon | 117841 | 5.28 |
| 19 | Cachar | 264897 | 11.87 |
| 20 | Hailakandi | 70659 | 3.17 |
| 21 | Karimganj | 157890 | 7.07 |
| 22 | Karbi Anglong | 44961 | 2.01 |
| 23 | N.C Hills | 4337 | 0.19 |
| 24 | Chirang | 35135 | 1.57 |
| 25 | Udalguri | 37844 | 1.7 |
| 26 | Baksa | 73083 | 3.28 |
| TOTAL | | 2231321 | 7.15% |

Literacy

As regards literacy level of Scheduled Castes, the literacy rate as per 2011 census is **66.76 %** against the literacy rate for the total population of Assam which is **72.19 %**. The literacy rate of SC female is **44.48 %** amongst the SC people and the total male literacy percentage is **55.52 %** as per 2011 census in the state.

Budget provisions of Directorate of welfare of Scheduled Castes, Assam Guwahati under different heads for the year 2015-16 shown below.

| | | |
|---|----------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Plan | 7039.00 lakh |
| 2 | Non- Plan | 342.54 lakh |
| 3 | C.S.S. | 2931.56 lakh |
| 4 | Central Plan | 2798.00 lakh |
| 5 | Special Central Assistance | 800.00 lakh |

Budget allocation and expenditure for the year 2014-2015 are as follows:-

(Rs. in Lakh)

| Name of Organisation | Plan | | Non- Plan | | C.S.S. | | Central Plan | | S.C.A. | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|----------|------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| | Allocation | Expnd. | Allocation | Expnd. | Allocation | Expnd. | Allocation | Expnd. | Allocation | Expnd. |
| <i>1</i> | <i>2</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>4</i> | <i>5</i> | <i>6</i> | <i>7</i> | <i>8</i> | <i>9</i> | <i>10</i> | <i>11</i> |
| Directorate of Welfare of S.C. Assam | 7039.00 | 538.167 | 342.54 | 248.66 | 2931.56 | 9.00 | 2789.00 | 198.23 | 800.00 | Nil |

Various schemes implemented by Directorate of Welfare of S.C Assam are as follows :-

State Plan scheme under SCSP

(1) Pre- Matric Scholarship :-

This is a state plan scheme where 100% fund is provided by the Govt. of Assam. The total budget allocation under plan scheme for the year 2015-16 was Rs. 250.00 lakh & Rs. 246.93 lakh was utilized against 48,127 nos. of students at the rates of as follows.

- i) Class I to class V Rs. 600/- per year @ Rs. 50.00 P.M
- ii) Class VI to class VIII Rs. 960/- per year @ Rs. 80.00 P.M

(2) Stipend for Craftsman Training in ITI :-

This is a state plan scheme and stipend is provided to the students of scheduled Castes people in Assam as per Govt. Rules and procedures who are admitted in the different ITI's of Assam.

The budget allocation under the scheme for the year 2015-16 was Rs. 6.00 Lakh and Rs. 1.79215 lakh was utilized against 139 nos. of trainees at the rates of as follows:-

- i) Rs. 80.00 per month for Pre- Matric trainee.
- ii) Rs. 125.00 per month for Post- Matric trainee.

(3) Grants to Non- Government Educational Institutions :-

Under this state plan scheme, financial Assistance to Non- Govt. Institutions are given for purchase of furniture, repairing , construction of school building etc. which are engaged in development and promotion of education for SC people .

The budget provision under the scheme for the year 2015-16 was 95.00 lakh but the scheme was not sanctioned.

(4) Grants to Cultural activities including educational tour :-

This is a state plan scheme. The objective of the scheme is for promotion of cultural interest and provide opportunities to SC, students for acquiring knowledge by undertaking educational tours within and outside the state.

The budget allocation in 2015-16 was Rs. 50.00 lakh but the scheme was not sanctioned.

(5) Grants to Non- Official organization :-

The purpose of the scheme is to encourage non- official organization doing welfare works amongst S.C. People.

During the year 2015-16 the budget provision was Rs. 50.00 lakh , but the scheme was not sanctioned.

(6) Financial incentive to Inter – Castes Marriage :-

The objective of the scheme is to eliminate caste discrimination in society. Cash award is given to each married couple and their parents when such marriages take place in between general castes and scheduled castes people.

During the year 2015-16 an amount of Rs. 50.00 lakh was allocated but the scheme was not sanctioned.

(7) Self- Help scheme for SC Un-employed individual / SHG (Male & female) for economic upliftment :-

The aim of the scheme is to distribute Photo Copier, Grinder, Coffee Machine, Sewing Machine etc. to SC unemployed individual / SHG (Male & female) for their self employment.

The budget provision for the year 2015-16 Rs. 1,573.00 lakh, but the scheme was not sanctioned.

(8) Working women Hostel for SC :-

This is a new scheme under state plan. The aim of the scheme is to provide hostel facilities to the SC working women coming from remote areas to Guwahati.

The budget provision for the year 2015-16 was Rs. 62.45 lakh, but the scheme was not sanctioned.

(9) Distribution of Yarn to progressive SC weavers :-

The aim of the scheme is to uplift the economic condition of the BPL progressive SC weavers by providing Cotton Yarn (free of cost) amongst them for their self employment.

During the year 2015-16 an amount of Rs.1,000.00 lakh was allocated but the scheme was not sanctioned.

(10) Skill Dev. under Sati Radhika Women Empowerment Scheme (IBS):-

The aim of the scheme is to construct Sati Radhika Bhawan in each District / Sub-Division so that Skill Dev. Training programme, meetings, etc. can be held.

The budget provision under the scheme during 2015-16 was Rs. 130.00 lakh. but the scheme was not sanctioned.

(11) Distribution of Solar Lanterns to SC Students :-

The aim of the scheme is to supply Solar Lanterns to poor SC Students residing in rural areas of Assam in free of cost to pursue their studies.

The budget provision under the scheme during 2015-16 was Rs. 200.00 lakh. but the scheme was not sanctioned.

(12) Self Employment Scheme for Manual Scavengers :-

This scheme was introduced for rehabilitation of manual scavengers and their dependents by providing Photo Copier and Sewing Machine for their self employment.

The budget provision under the scheme during 2015-16 was Rs. 440.00 lakh. but the scheme was not sanctioned.

(13) Grants to patients suffering from TB/Cancer and other malignant diseases :-

The aim of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to those poor Scheduled caste patients who are suffering from TB / Cancer and other malignant diseases and unable to bear the cost of medicines for their treatment.

The budget provision under the scheme during 2015-16 was Rs. 200.00 lakh but the scheme was not sanctioned.

(14) Construction of School building / Community Hall :-

The objective of the scheme is for social upliftment of SC pre- dominant areas providing grants for construction of school building and community hall.

An amount of Rs. 700.00 lakh was provided in the budget for the year 2015-16 but the scheme was not sanctioned.

(15) Financial incentive to meritorious SC Girls Students :-

The aim of the scheme is to encourage higher education among SC girl students. Financial incentive @ Rs.10,000 (Ten Thousand) are provided to SC girls students who secure 60% and above marks in HSLC or H.S. Examination.

But no budget provision was made during the year 2015-16.

(16) Financial incentive to meritorious SC Boy Students :-

The aim of the scheme is to encourage higher education among SC boy students. Financial incentive @ Rs. 10,000 (Ten Thousand) are provided to SC boy students who secure 60% and above marks in HSLC or H.S. Examination.

The budget provision under the scheme during 2015-16 was Rs. 700.00 lakh but the scheme was not sanctioned.

(17) Setting up of SC Development Council :-

To give more autonomy and power to SC community, the Government proposes to constitute a SC Development Council for taking up various development schemes meant for poor SC people.

The budget provision under the scheme during 2015-16 was Rs. 50.00 lakh but no allocation was received from Govt.

CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES:-

(1) Construction of Boys Hostels :-

This is a Centrally sponsored scheme on 50:50 cost share basis. The objective of the scheme is to provide hostel facilities for SC boy students. The scheme is presently named as “Babu Jagjiban Ram Chhatrabas Yojana”

Budget provision under the scheme during 2015-16 was Rs. 250.00 lakh, but the scheme was not sanctioned.

(2) Construction of Girls Hostel :-

It is a centrally sponsored scheme with 100% central assistance. The scheme is now name as “Babu Jagjiban Ram Chhatrawas Yojana”.

Fund allocation for the year 2015-16 was Rs. 136.96 lakh. The sanction amount 9.00 lakh was utilised against 1 no. of hostel which is under process.

(3) Pre- Matric scholarship for the children of those parents engaged in cleaning related occupations, having health hazard :-

This is a Centrally sponsored scheme on 50:50 cost sharing basis between state and Central Government. During the year 2015-16 an amount of Central share of Rs. 126.00 lakh and state share of Rs. 63.00 lakh was allocated out of which an amount of Rs. 43.46 as State share was utilized for award of scholarship to 2,349 nos. of students as per rates given below.

Class I to X (Maintenance for 10 month) @ Rs. 110.00 = Rs. 1,100.00
Adhoc grant = Rs. 750.00
Total = Rs 1850.00 P.A. (for day scholars)

Class I to X (Maintenance for 10 month) @ Rs. 700.00 = Rs 7,000.00
Adhoc grant = Rs 1,000.00
Total = Rs. 8000.00 P.A. (for hosteller)

(4) Prevention of Atrocities Act. 1989 for SC & ST :-

The Director of Welfare of Scheduled Castes is notified by the Govt. as nodal officer. He is to co- ordinate the activities of the agencies who are responsible for execution of provisions of the prevention of Atrocities Act. 1989 and protection of Civil Right Act. Director is also responsible for preparation and submission of annual report on implementation of these two Act.

During the year 2015-16 there was budget allocation of Rs. 11.00 lakh on 50:50 share basis between central and the state Govt. but the scheme was not sanctioned.

(5) Coaching and Allied scheme for S.C :-

This is a Centrally sponsored scheme on 50:50 cost sharing basis between central & state Govt. The objective of the scheme is to provide coaching facilities to SC candidates who are going to appear in all India level competitive examination.

There was a budget provision of Rs.28.10 lakh during 2015-16. But the scheme was not sanctioned.

(6) Post- Matric Scholarship & Book Bank :-

The scheme is single largest intervention by the Govt. of India for educational Empowerment of the scheduled caste students. The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to Scheduled caste students of post-matric and secondary stages. To enable them to complete their education who are eligible as per guide line. The scholarship includes maintenance, allowances, reimbursement of non – refundable compulsory fee, Book Bank facilities and other allowances, The scholarship are paid through the bank account to the students . Rates of scholarship are shown in the next page:

Maintenance allowance:-

| Group | Rate of Maintenance allowance (in Rupees per month) | |
|--|---|--------------|
| | Hostellers | Day scholars |
| <u>Group-I</u> :- Degree and Post Graduate level courses (including M. Phil, Ph.D. And Post Doctoral research) in Medicines (Allopathic, Indian and other recognized systems of medicines), Engineering, Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary and Allied Sciences, Management, Business Finance, Business Administration and Computer Applications/Science, Commercial Pilot License (including helicopter pilot and Multi Engine rating) Course. | 1200/- | 550/- |
| <u>Group-II</u> :- Other professional and technical graduate and Post Graduate (including M. Phil, Ph. D. And post Doctoral Research) level courses not covered in Group –I .C.A. / ICWA/ C.S. etc. courses. All Post Graduate, Graduate Level Diploma Course, all Certificate level courses. | 820/- | 530/- |
| <u>Group-III</u> :- All other courses leading to a graduate or above degree (not covered in group I & II. | 570/- | 300/- |
| <u>Group-IV</u> :- All post matriculation level courses before taking up graduation like classes XI and XIII in 10+2 system and intermediate examination etc. not covered in Group- ‘II or ‘III’ ITI courses, other vocational courses (if minimum required qualification to purpose the course is at least matriculation) | 380/- | 230/- |

The budget provision under the scheme was Rs. 2550.00 lakh for the year 2015-16. But the scheme was not sanctioned.

(7) Pre-Matric Scholarship to the students reading in Class IX & X :-

The aim of this scheme is to give financial assistance to the students who are studying in class IX & X to undergo their studies.

No budget provision was made during the year 2015-16, but Rs.198.23 lakhs was utilised from SD budget of 2015-16 from a balance amount of Rs. 962.2357 of 2014-15 against 8,810 nos. of students.

(8) Share Capital contribution to Assam State Dev. Corporation for SC Ltd. :-

Assam State Development Corporation for S.C. Ltd. is jointly owned by the State and Central Govt. under share capital contribution to this corporation on 51 : 49.

During the year 2015-16 the budget allocation was Rs. 49.05 lakh, but the scheme was not sanctioned.

Central Earmarked scheme:-

(i) SCA to SCSP :-

Special central assistance is a 100% additive grant given by the Govt. of India for economic upliftment of BPL scheduled caste families and to take up infrastructure development schemes to fill up the critical gap. With this aim in view the Directorate of Welfare of Scheduled Castes is to give financial assistance of Rs. 10,000.00 (Ten Thousand) to each of the SC BPL Families Oriented Income Generation Schemes (FOIGS) and 10% of the released amount is utilized for infrastructure Dev. Schemes.

During the year 2015-16 the budget provision was Rs. 800.00 lakh for FOIGS and Rs. 100.00 lakh for infrastructure Development Scheme. But the scheme was not sanctioned by the Govt.

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