

D. Schemes for Social Empowerment:-

CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROTECTION OF CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, 1955 AND THE SCHEDULED CASTES AND THE SCHEDULED TRIBES (PREVENTION OF ATROCITIES) ACT, 1989.

Article 17 of the Constitution of India has abolished 'untouchability', and forbidden its practice in any form. Enforcement of any disability arising out of 'untouchability', is an offence in accordance with provisions of the Protection of Civil Rights {PCR} Act, 1955, which is an Act of Parliament. Likewise, the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) {PoA} Act, 1989, another Act of Parliament which also falls within the provisions of Article 17 and 35(a) (ii) of the Constitution, was enacted for preventing atrocities against members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, to provide for Special Courts for the trial of such offences as well as relief and rehabilitation of the victims of atrocities. These two Acts are implemented by the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

2. As the PCR and PoA Acts are implemented by the respective State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, with a view to ensure its effective implementation, Central assistance is provided to them under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of the PCR and PoA Acts, mainly for following purposes:-

- (i) Functioning and strengthening of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Protection Cell and Special Police Stations.
- (ii) Setting up and functioning of exclusive Special Courts.
- (iii) Relief and Rehabilitation of atrocity victims.
- (iv) Incentive for Inter-Caste Marriages.
- (v) Awareness generation.

3. The funding pattern of the Scheme is such that, over and above the committed liability of respective State Governments, the expenditure is shared between Centre and States on 50:50 basis and Union Territories receive 100% Central assistance, on the basis of their specific proposals in a prescribed performa for a financial year.

4. The amount of Central assistance released to State Governments and UT Administrations during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 is indicated in **Annexure-I**. The State/UT wise number of persons provided relief under the said Scheme during 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 is indicated in **Annexure-II**. Likewise, the State/UT wise admissible incentive amount and the persons provided incentive during 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 is indicated in **Annexure-III**. The information in regard to Special courts and exclusive special courts set up by States/Union Territories is also indicated in **Annexure-IV**.

Annexure-I

State/UT-wise amount of Central assistance released under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, during the financial years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15.

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	States/UTs	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
1.	Andhra Pradesh	730.23	2013.103	425.19
2.	Assam	-	-	-
3.	Bihar	330.42	427.575	415.995
4.	Chhattisgarh	137.585	199.345	246.38
5.	Goa	7.50	10.50	11.00
6.	Gujarat	827.14	287.545	727.255
7.	Haryana	164.27	266.920	178.62
8.	Himachal Pradesh	61.455	47.28	94.32
9.	Jharkhand	-	85.50	140.877
10.	Karnataka	944.830	687.954	1730.535
11.	Kerala	944.37756	0	1359.943
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1336.22	1497.92	2183.155
13.	Maharashtra	995.26944	2149.233	2049.805
14.	Odisha	699.98	936.795	802.335
15.	Punjab	-	-	-
16.	Rajasthan	583.93	926.47	658.77
17.	Sikkim	-	-	-
18.	Tamil Nadu	-	1680.97	720.295
19.	Telangana	-	-	1328.17
20.	Tripura	0.75	-	10.00
21.	West Bengal	155.945	-	191.625
22.	Uttar Pradesh	1680.098	1314.750	1197.54
23.	Uttarakhand	-	43.14	58.19
24.	A & N Islands	-	-	-
25.	Chandigarh	-	9.00	20.00
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	43.846	50.286	-
27.	Daman & Diu	5.71	5.37	9.35
28.	NCT of Delhi	-	-	29.50
29.	Puducherry	100.00	125.00	150.50
	Total	9749.556	12764.656	14739.35

Annexure-II

State/UT wise number of persons provided relief under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, during 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14.

S. No.	States/UTs	Number of persons provided relief under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, during the financial year:		
		2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2835	7291	4208
2.	Bihar	0	1959	NA
3.	Chhattisgarh	546	591	595
4.	Gujarat	1454	1689	1307
5.	Haryana	204	212	426
6.	Himachal Pradesh	58	75	68
7.	Jharkhand	111	144	NA
7.	Karnataka	1039	0	2277
	Kerala	396	549	429
8	Madhya Pradesh	4731	3898	4062
9.	Maharashtra	650	705	617
10.	Odisha	1248	1248	1665
11.	Rajasthan	1961	1956	1542
12.	Tamil Nadu	1287	1278	1530
13.	Telangana	-	-	4676
14.	Tripura	2	0	NA
15.	Uttar Pradesh	9408	9280	10167
16.	Uttarakhand	43	81	70
17.	West Bengal	-	8	23
18.	NCT of Delhi	-	-	-
	Total	25964	30964	33662

Annexure-III**State/UT wise number of persons provided incentives for inter-caste marriages covered during 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14.**

S. No.	States/UTs	Incentive amount presently provided by States	Number of persons provided incentives for inter-caste marriages during the years:		
			2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
1.	Andhra Pradesh	50,000/-	3040	680	440
2.	Assam	10,000/-	NA	NA	NA
3.	Bihar	25,000/-	NA	NA	NA
4.	Chhattisgarh	50,000/-	61	81	90
5.	Gujarat	50,000/-	440	495	520
6.	Goa	1,00,000/-	10	16	20
7.	Haryana	1,00,000/-	NA	422	264
8.	Himachal Pradesh	50,000/-	304	289	326
9.	Karnataka	50,000/-	165	600	NA
10.	Kerala	50,000/-	2454	2189	2184
11.	Madhya Pradesh	50,000/-	220	365	393
12.	Maharashtra	50,000/-	2296	4682	4971
13.	Odisha	50,000/-	483	582	785
14.	Punjab	50,000/-	NA	NA	NA
15.	Rajasthan	5,00,000/-	130	175	261
16.	Sikkim	20,000/-	NA	NA	NA
17.	Tamil Nadu	20,000/-	NA	NA	NA
18.	Telangana	50,000/-	-	-	960
19.	Uttar Pradesh	50,000/-	NA	NA	NA
20.	Uttarakhand	10,000/-	NA	NA	NA
21.	West Bengal	30,000/-	NA	118	482
22.	Delhi	50,000/-	NA	NA	NA
23.	Chandigarh	50,000/-	10	10	NA
24.	Puducherry	50,000/-	NA	12	63
	Total	-	9613	10716	11759

Note:- NA= Not available

Annexure-IV

Special courts and exclusive special courts set up by States/Union Territories

In accordance with Section 14 of the PoA Act, the State Government, for the purpose of providing for speedy trial, with the concurrence of the Chief Justice of the High Court, by notification in the official Gazette, specifies for each district, a Court of Session to be Special Court to try the offences under the PoA Act. Accordingly State Governments and Union Territory Administrations of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Daman & Diu, NCT of Delhi and Puducherry have designated District Session Courts as Special Courts. For ensuring speedy trial of cases under the PoA Act, 192 Exclusive Special Courts, have also been set up by thirteen States. The details are as under:-

S.No.	State	Number of Districts with Exclusive Special Courts
1.	Andhra Pradesh	13
2.	Bihar	11
3.	Chhattisgarh	06
4.	Gujarat	26
5.	Karnataka	08
6.	Kerala	02
7.	Madhya Pradesh	43
8.	Maharashtra	02
9.	Rajasthan	25
10.	Tamil Nadu	04
11.	Telangana	10
12.	Uttar Pradesh	40
13.	Uttarakhand	02
	Total	192

