

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

DEMAND NO. 89

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A. The Budget allocations, net of recoveries, are given below:

Major Head	Actual 2010-2011			Budget 2011-2012			Revised 2011-2012			<i>(In crores of Rupees)</i> Budget 2012-2013			
	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	
Revenue	3945.56	74.00	4019.56	5105.00	78.00	5183.00	4878.00	87.00	4965.00	5615.00	93.30	5708.30	
Capital	225.00	...	225.00	270.00	...	270.00	245.00	...	245.00	300.00	...	300.00	
Total	4170.56	74.00	4244.56	5375.00	78.00	5453.00	5123.00	87.00	5210.00	5915.00	93.30	6008.30	
1. Secretariat-Social Services	2251	0.90	20.84	21.74	1.00	21.42	22.42	1.00	22.98	23.98	1.00	24.97	25.97
2. Discretionary Grant	2013	...	0.02	0.02	...	0.06	0.06	...	0.06	0.06	...	0.06	0.06
Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes													
Welfare of Scheduled Castes													
3. Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan	2225	...	...	...	1.50	...	1.50	1.50	...	1.50	1.00	...	1.00
	3601	587.07	...	587.07	757.00	...	757.00	659.50	...	659.50	1174.00	...	1174.00
	3602	0.20	...	0.20	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00
	<i>Total</i>	<i>587.27</i>	...	<i>587.27</i>	<i>759.50</i>	...	<i>759.50</i>	<i>662.00</i>	...	<i>662.00</i>	<i>1176.00</i>	...	<i>1176.00</i>
4. Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme	2225	...	...	...	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00
	3601	2096.21	...	2096.21	2171.00	...	2171.00	2402.20	...	2402.20	1468.00	...	1468.00
	3602	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00
	<i>Total</i>	<i>2097.21</i>	...	<i>2097.21</i>	<i>2173.00</i>	...	<i>2173.00</i>	<i>2404.20</i>	...	<i>2404.20</i>	<i>1470.00</i>	...	<i>1470.00</i>
5. Machinery for implementation of Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and Prevention of Atrocities Act 1989	2225	0.51	...	0.51	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00
	3601	68.06	...	68.06	67.00	...	67.00	67.00	...	67.00	96.00	...	96.00
	3602	0.87	...	0.87	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00
	<i>Total</i>	<i>69.44</i>	...	<i>69.44</i>	<i>69.00</i>	...	<i>69.00</i>	<i>69.00</i>	...	<i>69.00</i>	<i>98.00</i>	...	<i>98.00</i>
6. Girls Hostels	2225	7.91	...	7.91	13.00	...	13.00	10.00	...	10.00	13.00	...	13.00
	3601	37.25	...	37.25	79.00	...	79.00	37.00	...	37.00	79.00	...	79.00
	3602	...	...	...	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00
	<i>Total</i>	<i>45.16</i>	...	<i>45.16</i>	<i>93.00</i>	...	<i>93.00</i>	<i>48.00</i>	...	<i>48.00</i>	<i>93.00</i>	...	<i>93.00</i>
7. Boys Hostels	2225	11.84	...	11.84	15.00	...	15.00	9.00	...	9.00	15.00	...	15.00
	3601	21.44	...	21.44	32.00	...	32.00	24.00	...	24.00	32.00	...	32.00
	3602	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00
	<i>Total</i>	<i>34.28</i>	...	<i>34.28</i>	<i>48.00</i>	...	<i>48.00</i>	<i>34.00</i>	...	<i>34.00</i>	<i>48.00</i>	...	<i>48.00</i>

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		Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	
8.	Pre-Matric Scholarship for children of those engaged in unclean occupation	2225	...	...	0.10	...	0.10	0.10	...	0.10	...	...	...
		3601	58.42	...	58.42	77.90	...	77.90	68.00	...	68.00	10.00	...	10.00
		3602	0.06	...	0.06	0.50	...	0.50	0.50	...	0.50	...	...	...
		<i>Total</i>	<i>58.48</i>	...	<i>58.48</i>	<i>78.50</i>	...	<i>78.50</i>	<i>68.60</i>	...	<i>68.60</i>	<i>10.00</i>	...	<i>10.00</i>
9.	Pre Matric Scholarship for SC Students	3601	...	...	196.00	...	196.00	196.00	...	196.00	805.50	...	805.50	
10.	Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Welfare of Scheduled Castes	2225	29.43	...	29.43	34.00	...	34.00	29.00	...	29.00	49.00	...	49.00
11.	Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship	2225	144.00	...	144.00	123.00	...	123.00	123.00	...	123.00	123.00	...	123.00
12.	Top Class Education	2225	14.15	...	14.15	24.00	...	24.00	14.00	...	14.00	24.00	...	24.00
13.	Self Employment Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers	2225	...	...	...	98.00	...	98.00	33.00	...	33.00	98.00	...	98.00
14.	Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana	3601	97.00	...	97.00	97.00	...	97.00	90.00	...	90.00	1.00	...	1.00
15.	Other Programmes for Welfare of Scheduled Castes	2225	5.78	11.85	17.63	17.00	13.40	30.40	8.00	14.34	22.34	33.00	15.62	48.62
		3601	2.89	...	2.89	4.00	...	4.00	4.00	...	4.00	5.00	...	5.00
		<i>Total</i>	<i>8.67</i>	<i>11.85</i>	<i>20.52</i>	<i>21.00</i>	<i>13.40</i>	<i>34.40</i>	<i>12.00</i>	<i>14.34</i>	<i>26.34</i>	<i>38.00</i>	<i>15.62</i>	<i>53.62</i>
Total-Welfare of Scheduled Castes			3185.09	11.85	3196.94	3814.00	13.40	3827.40	3782.80	14.34	3797.14	4033.50	15.62	4049.12
Welfare of Other Backward Classes														
16.	Pre Matric Scholarship	2225	0.13	...	0.13	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00
		3601	44.49	...	44.49	43.00	...	43.00	38.00	...	38.00	43.00	...	43.00
		3602	...	...	...	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00
		<i>Total</i>	<i>44.62</i>	...	<i>44.62</i>	<i>45.00</i>	...	<i>45.00</i>	<i>40.00</i>	...	<i>40.00</i>	<i>45.00</i>	...	<i>45.00</i>
17.	Post Matric Scholarship	2225	0.02	...	0.02	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00
		3601	353.31	...	353.31	479.00	...	479.00	481.50	...	481.50	560.00	...	560.00
		3602	...	...	...	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00
		<i>Total</i>	<i>353.33</i>	...	<i>353.33</i>	<i>481.00</i>	...	<i>481.00</i>	<i>483.50</i>	...	<i>483.50</i>	<i>562.00</i>	...	<i>562.00</i>
18.	Boys and Girls Hostel	2225	...	...	...	1.00	...	1.00	3.00	...	3.00	3.00	...	3.00
		3601	25.79	...	25.79	38.00	...	38.00	18.00	...	18.00	36.50	...	36.50
		3602	...	...	...	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	0.50	...	0.50
		<i>Total</i>	<i>25.79</i>	...	<i>25.79</i>	<i>40.00</i>	...	<i>40.00</i>	<i>22.00</i>	...	<i>22.00</i>	<i>40.00</i>	...	<i>40.00</i>
19.	Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes and Economically Backward Classes	2225	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45.00	...	45.00
20.	Other Programmes	2225	1.65	2.71	4.36	8.50	3.00	11.50	4.50	3.00	7.50	9.50	3.30	12.80
		3601	...	...	...	9.00	...	9.00	...	...	...	18.00	...	18.00
		<i>Total</i>	<i>1.65</i>	<i>2.71</i>	<i>4.36</i>	<i>17.50</i>	<i>3.00</i>	<i>20.50</i>	<i>4.50</i>	<i>3.00</i>	<i>7.50</i>	<i>27.50</i>	<i>3.30</i>	<i>30.80</i>
Total-Welfare of Other Backward Classes			425.39	2.71	428.10	583.50	3.00	586.50	550.00	3.00	553.00	719.50	3.30	722.80

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		Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
21. Common Programmes for Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes	2225	9.34	...	9.34	5.98	...	5.98	5.98	...	5.98	9.98	...	9.98
	3601	0.09	...	0.09	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00
	3602	...	...	...	0.02	...	0.02	0.02	...	0.02	0.02	...	0.02
	Total	9.43	...	9.43	7.00	...	7.00	7.00	...	7.00	11.00	...	11.00
Total-Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes		3619.91	14.56	3634.47	4404.50	16.40	4420.90	4339.80	17.34	4357.14	4764.00	18.92	4782.92
Social Security and Welfare													
Welfare of Handicapped													
22. Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme	2235	82.27	...	82.27	103.00	...	103.00	81.10	...	81.10	103.00	...	103.00
23. National Institutes for Blind, Deaf, Mentally Retarded and Orthopaedically Handicapped	2235	57.84	34.09	91.93	78.00	34.20	112.20	66.70	41.43	108.13	78.00	43.38	121.38
24. Aids and Appliances for the Handicapped	2235	69.68	...	69.68	88.00	...	88.00	70.00	...	70.00	88.00	...	88.00
25. Schemes for implementation of Persons with Disability Act	2235	14.13	...	14.13	20.00	...	20.00	8.00	...	8.00	20.00	...	20.00
	3601	36.28	...	36.28	75.00	...	75.00	45.00	...	45.00	75.00	...	75.00
	Total	50.41	...	50.41	95.00	...	95.00	53.00	...	53.00	95.00	...	95.00
26. Scheme of Employment of Physically Challenged	2235	...	...	...	4.00	...	4.00	1.00	...	1.00	4.00	...	4.00
27. Post Matric Scholarship for Students of Disabilities	3601	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.00	...	30.00
28. Other Programmes for the Welfare of Handicapped	2235	3.99	2.41	6.40	18.99	3.67	22.66	5.00	2.94	7.94	26.00	3.72	29.72
	3601	...	...	...	0.01	...	0.01	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	3.99	2.41	6.40	19.00	3.67	22.67	5.00	2.94	7.94	26.00	3.72	29.72
Total-Welfare of Handicapped		264.19	36.50	300.69	387.00	37.87	424.87	276.80	44.37	321.17	424.00	47.10	471.10
Social Welfare													
29. Distribution expenses on commodity assistance under Bilateral Agreements	2235	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	1.00
30. Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse	2235	29.31	...	29.31	36.00	...	36.00	28.00	...	28.00	35.00	...	35.00
31. Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Old Age Homes etc.	2235	20.67	...	20.67	36.00	...	36.00	22.00	...	22.00	36.00	...	36.00
32. Construction of Old Age Homes for Indigent Senior Citizens	2235	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.00	...	5.00
	3601	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67.00	...	67.00
	Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	72.00	...	72.00
33. Other Programmes	2235	26.15	1.10	27.25	40.00	1.25	41.25	32.60	1.25	33.85	49.00	1.25	50.25
Total-Social Welfare		76.13	2.10	78.23	112.00	2.25	114.25	82.60	2.25	84.85	192.00	2.25	194.25
Total-Social Security and Welfare		340.32	38.60	378.92	499.00	40.12	539.12	359.40	46.62	406.02	616.00	49.35	665.35

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		Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	
34.	Investment in Public Enterprises	4225	175.00	...	175.00	212.00	...	212.00	207.00	...	207.00	259.00	...	259.00
		4235	50.00	...	50.00	45.00	...	45.00	25.00	...	25.00	27.00	...	27.00
	<i>Total</i>		<i>225.00</i>	...	<i>225.00</i>	<i>257.00</i>	...	<i>257.00</i>	<i>232.00</i>	...	<i>232.00</i>	<i>286.00</i>	...	<i>286.00</i>
35.	Lumpsum provision for Project/Scheme for the benefit of North Eastern Region & Sikkim	2552	...	...	...	200.50	...	200.50	177.80	...	177.80	234.00	...	234.00
		4552	...	...	...	13.00	...	13.00	13.00	...	13.00	14.00	...	14.00
	<i>Total</i>		...	...	...	<i>213.50</i>	...	<i>213.50</i>	<i>190.80</i>	...	<i>190.80</i>	<i>248.00</i>	...	<i>248.00</i>
36.	Actual Recoveries	2225	-0.01	...	-0.01	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		2235	-15.56	...	-15.56	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		2251	...	-0.02	-0.02	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	<i>Total</i>		<i>-15.57</i>	<i>-0.02</i>	<i>-15.59</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total			4170.56	74.00	4244.56	5375.00	78.00	5453.00	5123.00	87.00	5210.00	5915.00	93.30	6008.30
												(in crores of Rupees)		
		Head of Dev	Budget Support	IEBR	Total	Budget Support	IEBR	Total	Budget Support	IEBR	Total	Budget Support	IEBR	Total
B. Investment in Public Enterprises														
34.01	Share Capital to State Scheduled Caste Development Corporation	22225	20.00	...	20.00	20.00	...	20.00	20.00	...	20.00	20.00	...	20.00
34.02	National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation	22235	50.00	...	50.00	45.00	...	45.00	25.00	...	25.00	27.00	...	27.00
34.03	National Finance and Development Corporations for Weaker Sections	22225	155.00	...	155.00	192.00	...	192.00	187.00	...	187.00	239.00	...	239.00
Total			225.00	...	225.00	257.00	...	257.00	232.00	...	232.00	286.00	...	286.00
C. Plan Outlay														
1.	Secretariat-Social Services	22251	0.90	...	0.90	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00	1.00	...	1.00
2.	Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, other Backward Classes and Minorities	22225	3794.90	...	3794.90	4616.50	...	4616.50	4546.80	...	4546.80	5023.00	...	5023.00
3.	Social Security and Welfare	22235	374.76	...	374.76	544.00	...	544.00	384.40	...	384.40	643.00	...	643.00
4.	North Eastern Areas	22552	...	...	...	213.50	...	213.50	190.80	...	190.80	248.00	...	248.00
Total			4170.56	...	4170.56	5375.00	...	5375.00	5123.00	...	5123.00	5915.00	...	5915.00

1. **Secretariat:** The provision is for expenditure on Secretariat of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

2. **Discretionary Grant:** Discretionary Grant is sanctioned by the Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment to deserving organisations and institutions working in the field of social welfare and also to needy individuals.

3. **Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan:** The main objective is to give a thrust to the development programmes relevant for economic development of Scheduled Castes living below the poverty line. Special Central Assistance is being provided to 27 States/Union Territories, which are formulating and implementing the Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan. In order to open up more avenues for the SC youth to prove their potential and excellence in high-end income generating activities, capacity building programmes in new sunrise sectors has been emphasized within the existing format of scheme of Special Central Assistance.

4. **Post Matric Scholarship Scheme:** The objective of the Scheme is to provide financial assistance to Scheduled Caste students to study at post-matriculation or post secondary stage to enable them to complete their education. The scheme provides for 100% Central Assistance to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations implementing the scheme, over and above their respective committed liability. The North-eastern States are exempted from the concept of committed liability. The scheme has been revised recently. The revision that became effective from 1.7.2010 inter-alia includes: (i) increase in income ceiling from existing ₹1.00 lakh to ₹ 2.00 lakh p.a. (ii) enhancement in the rates of maintenance and other allowances and (iii) regrouping of courses.

5. **Machinery for implementation of PCR Act 1955 and Prevention of Atrocities Act 1989:** Assistance is provided by the Central Government to the State Governments on 50% of the total expenditure over and above the committed liability and UT Administrations get 100% for implementation of Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and SCs and STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. The assistance is mainly provided for functioning and strengthening of SCs and STs Protection Cell and Special Police Stations, setting up and functioning of exclusive Special Courts, cash incentives for inter-caste marriage, relief and rehabilitation of atrocity victims and awareness generation.

6. **Girls Hostels:** 100% Central Assistance is provided for fresh construction and expansion of existing hostel building to State Governments/UT Administrations and the Central and State Universities /institutions. Non Governmental Organisations and deemed universities in the private sector would be provided central assistance to the extent of 90% of the estimated cost only for expansion of their existing hostels.

7. **Boys Hostels:** Central assistance is provided on 50:50 basis to State Governments, 100% to UT Administrations and 90% to the Central Universities and 45% to other Universities for construction of hostel building for SC boys who are studying in middle and higher level of education.

8. **Pre-matric Scholarship for children of those engaged in unclean occupations:** The objective of this scheme is to provide financial assistance to the children of those engaged in unclean occupations viz. scavenging, tanning, flaying etc. Under this Scheme 100% Central assistance is provided to the State Governments/UT Administrations, over and above their respective committed liability. There is no income ceiling under this Scheme.

9. **Pre-Matric Scholarship for SC Students:** It is imperative to provide adequate financial support to SC students at Pre-Matric stage so that they are able to progress to the Post-Matric stage. To cater to this need, a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for SC Students for all SC children has been introduced, initially covering students of classes of 9th and 10th standards.

10. **Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Welfare of Scheduled Castes:** The objective of the Scheme is to utilise the services of capable and reliable Voluntary Organisations towards socio-economic development of Scheduled Castes. Under this scheme, grants-in -aid are given by the Government of India to the Voluntary Organisations to the extent of 90% of each project cost for activities, such as opening of facilities for general/technical/vocational education, service activities such as medical centres, dispensaries and income generating activities such as technical training in a variety of commercial trades.

11. **Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowships:** This scheme was launched in 2005-06 for Scheduled Caste Students for pursuing higher study leading to M.Phil/Ph.D and equivalent research degree in Universities, research institutions and scientific institutions. The Scheme is implemented through University Grants Commission.

12. **Top Class Education for Meritorious Students:** Under this scheme, a short list of Institutes of excellence has been notified and SCs students who secure admission in any of these institutes are awarded a larger scholarship that meets the requirements of tuition fees, living expenses, books and a computer.

13. **Self-Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Scavengers:** The scheme aims at rehabilitation of remaining scavengers and their dependents in a time bound manner. Under the Scheme, loan, subsidy and training are provided to the beneficiaries for gainful self/wage employment.

14. **Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojna:** This scheme was announced in Budget Speech 2009-10 on pilot basis to cover 1000 villages with more than 50% SC population. Under the scheme, integrated development of 1000 SC majority villages is to be achieved primarily through convergent implementation of all relevant Central and State schemes. To the extent needs of the identified villages cannot be met through convergence, an amount of ₹ 20.00 lakhs per village is provided as gap-filling Central Assistance under the scheme, with State Government expected to contribute a matching share. Further expansion of the Scheme will be done after its evaluation. This scheme is also proposed to be transferred to Ministry of Rural Development.

15. **Other Programmes for Welfare of Scheduled Castes:** The provisions cover Upgradation of Merit of SC students, Ambedkar Foundation, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Centre, National Overseas Scholarship for SCs, Research & Training and meeting establishment expenditure on National Commission for SCs and National Commission for Safai Karmacharis. The provision also includes for Development of Dr. Ambedkar National Memorial.

16. **Pre Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes (OBC):** Under this Centrally Sponsored scheme, scholarship awards are provided to the OBC students whose parents/guardians total income from all sources do not exceed ₹44500 per annum. Under the Scheme, 50 percent Central assistance is provided by Central Government to State Governments over and above their committed liability and 100 percent to UT Administrations.

17. **Post Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes:** The objective of the Scheme is to provide financial assistance to the OBC students studying at post matriculation or post secondary levels including Ph.D Degrees to enable them to complete their education. 100% Central assistance is provided by Central Government to State Governments/UT Administrations over and above their committed liabilities. The Scheme has been revised w.e.f. 1.7.2011 with the major changes viz. (i) The existing parental income ceiling for eligibility has been raised from ₹ 44,500/- to ₹1.00 lakh per

annum, (ii) Increase in maintenance and other allowances of the Other Backward Class students, (iii) Regrouping of courses from 5 Groups to 4 Groups as has been done in the Scheme of PMS-SC.

18. **Boys and Girls Hostel for Other Backward Classes:** The Scheme aims at providing better educational opportunities to students belonging to Other Backward Classes. The Scheme has been revised in 2010-11 and under the revised scheme, Central Assistance to North Eastern States and Sikkim enhanced from 50% to 90%. However, in the case of other States, the Central Assistance will be restricted to 50% of the cost while case of UTs and central institutions, 100% central funding will be provided. In the case of NGOs, the funding pattern will be 45% each by Central and State Governments and the balance 10% by the NGOs.

19. **Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes and Economically Backward Classes:** To promote higher education to OBCs & EBCs to enable them for suitable employment, this Scheme is proposed to be introduced in 2012-13 on the lines a similar Scheme for Scheduled Castes.

20. **Other Programmes for Other Backward Classes:** The provision covers for providing grants in aid to voluntary sectors to improve educational and socio-economic conditions of the OBCs. Under the scheme, 90% of the approved expenditure is borne by the Central Government and balance 10% by the voluntary organisations. The provision also covers, Post Matric Scholarship for Economically Backward Classes Students, National Overseas Scholarship for OBCs & EBCs, establishment expenditure of the National Commission for Backward Classes and Scheme of Educational and Economic Development of De-notified and Nomadic Tribes.

21. **Common Programmes for SCs and Other Backward Classes:** The provision covers for scheme of Free Coaching for SCs and OBC students. The scheme has been designed to cater to the needs of the prospective job seekers belonging to SCs and OBCs by way of providing special pre-examination coaching in order to enable them to compete with general category students. The scheme is implemented through reputed institutions/centres/UT Administrations, Universities and Private Sector Organisations. Under the scheme 100% Central assistance is provided to run the Coaching programmes. Only students belonging to SCs and OBCs community having family income up to ₹2.00 lakhs per annum are eligible under the scheme.

22. **Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme:** Under the scheme, grants in aid are sanctioned to Voluntary Organisations for projects for rehabilitation of persons with disabilities through education, training and other allied activities.

23. **National Institutes for Blind, Deaf, Mentally Retarded and Orthopaedically Handicapped:** In consonance with the policy for providing a comprehensive package of welfare services and also in order to effectively deal with multi-dimensional problems of persons with disabilities, 7 Institutes are working in their respective areas of specialization. They provide professional training courses with a view to develop trained manpower in the disability sector and are providing various other rehabilitation services. These institutes are registered societies and are fully financed by the Central Government. The allocation also include Institute for Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre

24. **Aids and Appliances for the Handicapped:** The objective of the scheme is to provide grants in aid to various implementing agencies to assist the needy disabled persons in procuring durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured, modern, standard aids and appliances that can

promote their physical, social and psychological rehabilitation, by reducing the effects of disabilities and enhance their economic potential.

25. **Schemes for Implementation of Persons with Disability Act:** Financial assistance is provided under this scheme to various bodies set up by the Central Government and State Governments, including autonomous bodies and Universities, to support activities relating to implementation of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995, particularly relating to rehabilitation and provision of barrier-free access. The District Disability Rehabilitation Centres and Composite Rehabilitation Centres set up by the Ministry are provided support under this scheme. The range of activities for which grant in aid is provided with regard to barrier free access is wide, including ramps, lifts, tactile paths, accessible toilets, new product development, creation of accessible websites and research. Thrust is given in making important office buildings and official websites accessible.

26. **Scheme of Employment of Physically Challenged:** Under the scheme, the Government makes payment of the employer's contribution to the Employees Provident Fund Organisation and Employees State Insurance for the first three years, as an incentive to employers of persons with disabilities with monthly wage up to ₹ 25000 per month on or after 01.04.2008.

27. **Post Matric Scholarship for Students of Disabilities:** The objective of the Scheme is to provide financial assistance to students with disabilities studying at Post Matriculation or Post Secondary stage to enable them to pursue higher education.

28. **Other Programmes for Welfare of Handicapped:** This includes provision for Rehabilitation Council of India, Spinal Injury Centre, Office of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India, Financial Assistance to Women with Disabilities to look after their Children after birth, Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for Persons with Disabilities and Establishment of National Institute/Centre of Universal Design and Barrier Free Environment. The provision also include for new Schemes of Top Class Education for Persons with Disabilities and National overseas Scholarships for Persons with Disabilities.

29. **Distribution Expenses on Commodity Assistance under Bilateral Agreements:** The provision is for meeting the transport and other incidental expenditure connected with gift consignments received from abroad under bilateral agreements. The agreements envisage duty free entry into India of donated supplies for relief and rehabilitation of the poor and the needy through recipient voluntary organisations registered with the Ministry.

30. **Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse:** The scheme is being implemented for identification, counseling, treatment and rehabilitation of addicts through Voluntary Organisations. Under the scheme, financial assistance of 90% of the approved expenditure is given. In case of North Eastern States, Sikkim and Jammu & Kashmir, the quantum of assistance is 95% of the total admissible expenditure

31. **Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Old Age Homes:** The Scheme provides financial assistance upto 90 percent of the project cost for running and maintenance of day care centre old age home mobile Medicare unit etc. The scheme has been revised w.e.f. 01.04.2008. Besides increase in amount of financial assistance several new projects have been added to the scheme like maintenance of Respite Care Homes and Continuous Care Homes, Running of Multi Service Centre for Older Persons, Running of Day Care Centres for Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia Patients

Physiotherapy Clinics for Older Persons Disability and hearing aids for older persons Help-lines and Counselling Centre for older persons etc.

32. **Construction of Old Age Homes for Indigent Senior Citizens:** In pursuance to Section 19 of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, the Ministry has formulated a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Construction of Old Age Homes for Indigent Senior Citizens in the Twelfth Five Year Plan.

33. **Other Programmes:** The provision is for expenditure relating to National Institute of Social Defence, Research Studies and Publications, Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for providing Social Defence Services Information and Mass Education Cell. The Provision also includes for new Scheme of Monitoring Schemes of the Ministry through State and District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee.

34. **Investment in Public Enterprises:** The break-up of equity through budgetary support are given in Expenditure Budget (Vol.I). The provision is for providing Share Capital to (i) State Scheduled Castes Development Corporations; (ii) National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation; (iii) National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation; (iv) National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation; and v) National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation.

35. **Lumpsum provisions for projects/schemes for the benefit of North Eastern Regions and Sikkim:** The provision is for implementing the schemes for North Eastern Region and Sikkim.