

20 POINT PROGRAMME (SC Families Assisted)

The 20 Point Programme (TPP) was launched by the Government of India in the year 1975. The programme was first revised in 1982 and again in 1986. It was further restructured in 2006, keeping in view the challenges of the 21st Century with particular reference to the ongoing process of economic reforms, liberalization and globalization of the Indian Economy. The thrust of TPP-2006 is towards programmes for eradicating of poverty and improving the quality of life of the poor and the under-privileged people all over the country. The programme covers various socio economic aspects like poverty, employment, education, housing, health, agriculture, land reforms, irrigation, drinking water, protection and empowerment of weaker sections, consumer protection, environment, e-governance, etc. This programme is being monitored by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India on the basis of performance report received from the State Governments/UTs and Central Nodal Ministries.

The 20 Points further comprises 65 monitorable items which are synonymous with the programmes/schemes being administered by various Ministries/Departments of the Government of India and implemented by the State Governments and UTs. The monitoring mechanism became operational w.e.f. April, 2007. The point No. 10 of this programme relates to '**Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Minorities and OBCs**'. This point consists of 10 items from item No. 33 to item No. 42. The item No. 33 relates to "**SC Families Assisted**" and is monitored on quarterly basis by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India being the concerned Administrative/Nodal Ministry for this item.

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India in consultation with the Nodal Ministry modified the scope of the item No. 33 from the year 2012-13. Under the modified scope, the targets for item No.33 relate to the following two sub-parameters:-

Sub-parameter (i)

SC students benefitted under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme.

Sub-parameter (ii)

SC families assisted for income generating activities under:-

- (a) Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP)
- (b) Concessional loan scheme of National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC)

In Punjab State, the Directorate of Scheduled Castes Sub Plan, Welfare Department is the nodal department for reporting monthly progress w.r.t. item No. 33-“**SC Families Assisted**”.

For the year 2013-14, initially, the State Government had fixed physical targets of 1,84,580 SC families for the above said item No. 33, but later on Government of India conveyed state-wise targets in which the physical targets for item No.33 for the Punjab State were given as 1,27,774 SC families. The sub-parameter wise detail of these targets alongwith achievements for the year 2013-14 is given as below:-

Sr. No.	Sub-Parameter	Targets (No. of SC families assisted)	Achievements (No. of SC families assisted)
i	SC students benefitted under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme	96,936	3,35,000 (345.59%)
ii (a)	Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP)	30,838	7,383 (23.94%)
ii (b)	Concessional loan scheme of National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC)		
Total		1,27,774	3,42,383 (267.96%)

The achievements under the sub-parameter (i) i.e. 345.59% were considerably more than the allotted targets due to the clearance of backlog of funds of previous year under the scheme “Post Matric Scholarship to SC students”. The achievements under the sub-parameter (ii) i.e. 23.94% were less than the allotted targets because the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. didn't release the Special Central Assistance to the Punjab State during the year 2013-14 due to non-release of SCA available with the State Finance Department received during previous years to the Implementing Departments/Agencies. The State share against concessional loan scheme of NSFDC was also not released by the government during the year 2013-14.

As regards fixing of targets for item No. 33-“SC Families Assisted” for the year 2014-15, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India had informed that no targets had been fixed for the Sub-parameter (i) “SC students assisted under post matric scholarship” because this parameter is demand driven. Therefore, the targets for this sub-parameter for the year 2014-15 were fixed equal to the targets kept for this sub-parameter for the year 2013-14. The sub-parameter wise detail of the targets fixed and

the achievements made during 2014-15 for the item No. 33--“SC Families Assisted” under the Point No. 10 of the 20-Point programme, is as given below:-

Sr. No.	Sub-Parameter	Physical Targets (No. of SC families assisted)	Achievement (No. of SC families assisted)
i	SC students benefitted under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme	96,936	4,69,797
ii (a)	Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP)	7507	6,857
ii (b)	Concessional loan scheme of National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC)		1
	Total	1,04,443	4,76,655

The sub-parameter wise detail of the targets fixed by the State for the item No.33-“SC Families Assisted” under the Point No. 10 of the 20-Point programme for the year 2015-16, is given as under:-

Sr. No.	Sub-Parameter	Physical Targets (No. of SC families assisted)
i	SC students benefitted under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme	3,10,000
ii (a)	Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP)	42,796
ii (b)	Concessional loan scheme of National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC)	500
	Total	3,53,296

The scheme-wise targets& achievements for the year 2014-15 alongwith the targets for the year 2015-16 for item No.33 under the Point No. 10 of the 20-Point programme are given in the [STATEMENT-XI](#).