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Dear Sir,

Special Component Plan (SCP) for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) for Scheduled Tribes(STs) have been important methods used in the planning process for quite some time in order to ensure that outlays and benefits from the general sectors of the plans flow to SCs and STs at least in proportion to their population both in physical and financial terms. Detailed guidelines have also been issued by the Planning Commission to the States(vide D.O No. M 13011/3/2005-SP-Co. dated 31.10.2005) by way of reiteration of the existing instructions, relating to the formulation and implementation of SCP/TSP at the State Level. In this connection, it may be noted that the list of major and minor heads of account of Union and States as issued by the Controller General of Accounts provides that TSP(Code 796) and SCP(Code 789) may be opened as minor head below the functional major head/sub major head wherever necessary. SCP and TSP funds have to be made as non-divertible and non-lapsable.

2. Planning Commission has set up a dedicated "Special Component Plan(SCP) and Tribal Sub Plan(TSP) Unit" for Monitoring the implementation of the recommendations of the Inter-Ministry Task Group Report on the Development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and to Review and monitor the SCP and TSP of States. I have taken over the charge of this Unit.

3. It is reiterated that only those schemes should be included under SCP/TSP that ensure direct benefits to individuals or families belonging to SCs & STs. The information regarding the flow of funds to SCP and TSP of your State(Budget, Allocation, Sanction and Expenditure) during 9th Plan and the first four years of Tenth Five Year Plan(2002-06) and the details of the schemes/programmes covered for the development and

welfare of SCs & STs along with their physical and financial performance may be sent to Planning Commission. In this regard, additional guidelines for preparing important schemes/programmes and performance for monitoring physical and financial performance by the State Government are enclosed for ready reference.

4. It may also be ensured that the State allocates SCP and TSP funds in proportion to the SC and ST population in the State during Annual Plan 2006-07. It is also reiterated that Secretary, Social Welfare/Tribal Welfare should be the nodal Officer in the designing of schemes/programmes of SCP and TSP and allocation of funds to the implementing Departments/agencies. If it is not feasible, a dedicated Unit of SCP and TSP may be constituted in the Planning Department of the State with the Secretary, Social Welfare/Tribal Welfare as Nodal Officer for designing, implementing and monitoring of SCP and TSP schemes/programmes in the State.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,
-Sd/-
(Chandra Pal)

Encl: As above.

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Additional Guidelines for preparing Schemes/Programmes under Special Component Plan and Tribal Sub Plan by the State Government.

The State Government should prepare Special Component Plan(SCP) and Tribal Sub-Plan(TSP) as per the proportion of SC and ST population of the State. The guidelines issued recently by the Planning Commission to the State Governments for the SCP and TSP formulation, implementation and monitoring need to be strictly adhered and followed (D.O.No.M-13011/3/2005-SP-Co dated 31.10.2005).

The State Government should also prepare a detailed report on all the development indicators for the general population, SCs and STs especially focusing on agriculture, education(primary, middle, technical and higher), health, industry and service sectors. The gap of development indicators between the general population, SCs and STs has to be bridged within a period of 10 years.

State Level Monitoring Committee for SCP/TSP under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Social Welfare/ Tribal Welfare should be constituted with Principal Secretary/ Secretary, Social Welfare/Tribal Welfare as the Member Secretary. A District level Monitoring Committee for SCP/TSP should also be constituted under the Chairmanship of District Collector with all the district level officers as its members. Block level Committee may also be constituted under the Chairmanship of President, Block Samiti where BDO and others will be its members. Monitoring of SCP/TSP schemes/programmes should be undertaken by these committees every month and quarterly performance review. Quarterly Performance Review report should be communicated to the SCP & TSP Unit, Planning Commission. A proforma for submitting financial and physical progress of the SCP/TSP schemes/programmes is enclosed for sending the relevant information to Planning Commission.

It is emphasized that, there is a need to implement schemes relating to the Welfare of SCs and STs under these two components. The details of some of the schemes suggested for implementation by the State Government are as under:-

1. The villages with 50% and above SC/ST population may be saturated first and provided with all the development activities under Bharat Nirman, schools, education, skill development, trainings for self employment, etc.
2. A group of 5-10 SC/ST farmers may be constituted for skill development by the State Agriculture Department/ Extension Agencies. This group may be provided a package of small tractors with accessories, tube wells in the electrified villages and pump sets in non-electrified villages may be provided with other agricultural inputs like quality seeds, pesticides, fertilizers etc. This farmers group may also be given training for cultivation of suitable crops and for undertaking activities in the sectors of fisheries, animal husbandry,

horticulture, etc.

3. An educational complex in the name of educational institute may be set up in each district. The facilities relating to sports, multi-purpose hall, intermediate college with sports education may be provided in this institute on the pattern of Navodaya Vidala and Kendriya Vidala. This educational institute will also have classes from 1 to 12 with hostel facilities for 70% SC/ST boys and girls and 30% boys and girls from general population. 70% expenditure of this institute will be provided from the SCP earmarked funds and 30% will come from the General Plan.
4. In every Divisional Headquarters, a polytechnic may be set up. Further, one or two training colleges for nursing and para-medical training courses, for nurses, ANMs, Physiotherapists, technicians, radiologists may be provided exclusively for SCs & STs. The nursing colleges exclusively for SC/ST girls may be attached to medical colleges provided. 70% expenditure of this institute will be provided from the SCP earmarked funds and 30% will come from the General Plan. The expenditure for running these courses will be made out of Special Component Plan outlay earmarked in the State.
5. In each district, coaching-cum-guidance centres may be opened in Universities/Colleges appearing for various competitions. The expenditure of these coaching-cum-guidance centres may be borne out of SCP/TSP funds.
6. Good quality it is may be established in each District for imparting employable skill exclusively for the unemployed SC/ST youth for providing employment opportunities within and outside the State. To tackle the problem of unemployment, training courses (not routine training courses) should be started in a big way in the State. These capsule training courses may consist of 4-5 months theoretical training on personnel management, material management, financial management, marketing management and 6-7 months practical training. Such trained personnel should be provided loans at cheaper interest rates from the Banks/SC/ST Development Corporation to start production ventures in clusters, in those areas where infrastructural facilities already exist. There should be a commercial complex in the main market of District Head Quarter and shops/ outlets to be allotted to these trained SC/ST entrepreneurs to sell their produce/manufactured goods.
7. The candidates preparing for various competitive exams like admission in engineering colleges and medical colleges and other services may be allowed to take admission in any reputed private training center and their full fees

should be reimbursed by the Government from SCP/TSP funds.

8. Government may also think of providing one time financial support of say Rs.25 to Rs.40 lakhs to the recognized social institutions for starting intermediate/degree colleges in each Block exclusively for SC/ST boys and girls or admitting 70% SC/ST boys and girls and 30% boys and girls from general population as is being done in U.P.
9. It was suggested that residential schools for SC/ST boys and girls should be set up in all the districts where percentage of the SC and ST concentration is high. The residential schools should have the facilities of vocational training, coaching-cum-guidance center, sports center and cultural center. Under vocational training, training related to trades like electrician, electronics, fitter, draftsman, mechanic, plumber, fashion design, computer, data entry operator etc., need to be given by starting IITs in SC/ST dominated areas. Technical education should be given due importance so as to provide self-employment to SCs and STs.
10. The tuition fee of the SC and ST students studying in private colleges and institutions should be fully reimbursed by the Social Welfare/Tribal Welfare department under SCP and TSP funds.
11. The State Government should provide scholarships to SC and ST students for all income groups studying in classes I to X as in U.P. The rate of stipend may be worked out realistically by the State.
12. Road and connectivity is another important sector which affects the transport and communication of the villagers. All the villages having more than 50-60% of SCs and STs concentration need to be saturated first with road connectivity. The programmes under Bharat Nirman may be targeted especially to SC/ST village development.
13. In those villages where no land is available especially in SC and ST dominated areas, land should be purchased and allotted to homeless for construction of houses under Indira Awas Yojana.
14. The forest villages in the State need to be converted into revenue villages where basic minimum services have to be provided like education, housing, drinking water, health facilities, road connectivity, etc.
15. Conversion of dry toilets to wet toilets may also be taken out of these funds in a big way so that scavenging colonies should be developed with rehabilitation

- . programme.
- 16 There is always food scarcity in SC and ST dominated areas and the State Government is suggested to select Self-Help Groups of 5-10 SCs and STs and they may be allotted ration shops for distribution of essential commodities. Subsidy/loan could also be provided to them on recoverable terms up to Rs.5 lakhs.
- 17 Training may also be imparted in the existing Police Training Centres or Home Guards training centres to SC and ST youth (18-21 years) who have passed Matriculation for Constables and Home Guards. While the Home Guards will look after the security of the villages as Village Defence Committee, the later may be recruited as Constables in the State Government. Similarly, training may also be given to atleast 5000 SCs/STs for Conductor and Driver jobs through State Transport Corporation.
- 18 The State Government was suggested to provide Rs. 25000/- towards Kanya Dhan for SC/ST girls who passed out Intermediate Examination.
- 19 In urban slum areas a multi-purpose community shall need to be provided to cater to the needs of the SC families.