

## CHAPTER 8

### PROGRAMMES FOR PROMOTION OF EDUCATION

#### Scheme for Construction of Hostels for ST Girls and Boys:

**8.1 Objective:** The objective of the scheme is to promote literacy among tribal students by providing hostel accommodation to such ST students who would otherwise have been unable to continue their education because of their poor economic condition, and the remote location of their villages. The Scheme was revised with effect from 01-04-2008.

**8.2 Coverage:** The scheme covers the entire ST population in the country and is not area-specific. However, the hostels under the scheme would be sanctioned as far as possible as a part of the established educational institutions or in the close vicinity of such institutions/ Vocational Training Centres.

**8.3 Funding Pattern:** This is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on a cost sharing basis between the Centre and the States. After revision of the scheme, the State Governments are eligible for 100% Central Share for construction of all Girls' Hostels and also for construction of Boys' Hostels in left wing extremism affected areas (identified by Ministry of Home Affairs from time to time). For the other Boys' Hostels, funding to State Government is on 50:50 basis. In case of UTs, the Central Government bears the entire cost of construction of both Boys' and Girls' Hostels. Hostels for Vocational Training Centres for ST Girls and Boys can also be funded on the same criteria as other Hostels. Members of Parliament could also provide funds as a substitute for State share from their MPLAD scheme. The Central Universities would be eligible

for 90% financial assistance while other universities would be eligible on the basis of 45% central share, 45% State share and the remaining 10% to be borne by the Universities concerned themselves. In case the State Governments concerned do not contribute their share of 45% to the Universities as prescribed above the share of the former will also have to be borne by the Universities concerned, thereby raising their contribution to 55%.

#### 8.4 Salient Features:

- (i) The scheme provides for the construction of new hostels and extension of existing hostel buildings for the middle, secondary, college and university levels of education.
- (ii) The State Government/UT provides the land for the building, free of cost.
- (iii) The scheme does not provide recurring expenditure for the running of the hostels.
- (iv) The maintenance of the hostels and the regulation of their use is done by the State Government / implementing agencies.

**8.5 Allocation:** An amount of **Rs. 47.86 crore** was spent till **31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014** against the **Budget allocation of BE Rs. 65.66 crore during 2014-15.**

**8.6 Performance:** During the year 2014-15, Rs.47.86 crore have been released for STs Boys' and Girls' Hostels to Kerala, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. In addition, an amount of Rs.5.75 crore has also been released to Mizoram for construction of 3 ST Girls Hostels to benefiting

150 ST students under the scheme of Article 275 (1) of the Constitution. The details of grants-in-aid released and hostels sanctioned to various State Governments/UT Administrations and Universities during the years 2012-13 to 2014-15 (till 31.12.2014) are at **ANNEX: 8A**.

**8.7** The running and maintenance of hostels is the responsibility of the State Govt./UT Administration/ University concerned. If any complaint regarding poor maintenance of hostels is brought to the notice of the Ministry the same is intimated to the State Government. The Ministry takes a serious view of this and State Govts. are asked to create adequate basic amenities like toilets, bathrooms, drinking water, bedding, nutritious food and enabling environment for children in hostels and to provide sufficient supporting staff and funds in their State Budget for this purpose.

### **Scheme for the Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas:**

**8.8 Objective:** The objective of the scheme is to promote expansion of educational facilities for Scheduled Tribe students including PVTGs. Ashram Schools provide education with residential facilities in an environment conducive to learning. The Scheme has been revised with effect from the financial year 2008-09 (w.e.f. 01-04-2008).

**8.9 Coverage:** The scheme covers all the Tribal Sub-plan areas of the country spread over 22 States and 2 Union Territories.

**8.10 Funding Pattern:** This is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on a cost sharing basis between the Centre and the States. However, Central Government provides 100% Central Share for construction of all Girls' Ashram Schools and also for construction of Boys' Ashram Schools in Left Wing Extremism affected areas (identified by Ministry of Home Affairs from time to time). For the Boys' Ashram Schools other than those mentioned above, funding to State Government is on 50:50 basis. In case of UTs, the Central Government bears the entire cost of construction of both Boys'

and Girls' Ashram Schools. Members of Parliament could also provide funds as a substitute of State share from their MPLAD scheme.

### **8.11 Salient Features:**

- (i) The scheme provides funds for the construction of school buildings from the primary to the senior secondary stage and also provides for the upgradation of the existing Ashram Schools for Scheduled Tribes Boys and Girls including PVTGs.
- (ii) Under the scheme, besides school buildings, the construction of students' hostels and staff quarters are also undertaken. The State Government/ UT provides the land for the Ashram Schools, free of cost.
- (iii) Financial assistance on 50:50 basis is also provided for other non-recurring items of expenditure like the purchase of furniture, equipment, sets of books for the school library etc.
- (iv) Only the capital cost is provided under the scheme. The recurring expenses are to be met by the State Governments.
- (v) The location of new schools and admission policy should be decided by State/UT.
  - (i) The Ashram Schools shall be completed within a period of 2 years from the date of release of the central assistance. However for the extension of existing Ashram Schools period of construction is 12 months.

**8.12 Allocation:** An amount of Rs. 35.69 crore was spent till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014 against the Budget allocation of Rs. 47.82 crore during 2014-15.

**8.13 Performance:** Rs. 35.69 crore has been released to the State Governments of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. The details of grants released and Ashram Schools sanctioned during the years 2012-13 to 2014-15 (till 31.12.2014) are at **ANNEX: 8B**.

view of this and State Governments are asked to create adequate basic amenities like toilets and bathrooms in ST Ashram Schools and to provide sufficient funds in their State Budget and cost of construction as per the scheduled rate of State PWD for this purpose.

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	GRADUATE (3)	P.G.(2)	M. PHIL	PH.D(1 & 1/2)
<b>ESTABLISHMENT OF ASHRAM SCHOOLS</b> 100% Central Assistance to States for construction of Girls' Ashram Schools as well as Boys' Ashram School in only TSP areas of the LWE affected districts identified by Ministry of Home Affairs from time to time and all other Ashram Schools for Boys and TSP states will continue to be funded on 50:50 basis, 100% to UTs for cost of construction of Ashram Schools. 50% Central Assistance for non-recurring items like equipments, furniture, library books															
												<b>POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS</b>			
												Maintenance Allowance for hostellers from Rs.380/- to Rs. 1200/- per month and for day scholars from Rs.230/- to Rs.550/- per month + reimbursement of compulsory non-refundable fees (income ceiling of Rs.2.50 lakh p.a. w.e.f 1.4.2013)			
										<b>UPGRADATION OF MERIT</b> Up to Rs.19500/- per student per annum					
												<b>TOP-CLASS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME</b> For Govt. institutions – full tuition fee & non-refundable dues for private institutions: ceiling of Rs. 4.50 lakh per student per annum + other allowances if applicable			
												<b>NATIONAL OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME</b>			
												Maintenance Allowance of US Dollars 15,400 and UK Pounds 9900/- per annum + other allowances if applicable			

## SCHEME OF POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP, BOOK BANK AND UPGRADATION OF MERIT

**8.15 Objective:** The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the Scheduled Tribe students studying at post-matriculation or post-secondary levels to enable them to complete their education. The scheme has been revised w.e.f. 1.7.2010 with some modifications.

Union Territory where he/she is domiciled. The Commercial Pilot Licence Course (CPL) is also included in the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for ST students and 10 Scholarships are to be given to the eligible ST students per year. The selection of the 10 ST meritorious students for CPL course is to be made through written examination conducted by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). Applications for CPL course are to be invited through advertisement.

(i) The students are provided different rates of scholarships depending on the course. The courses have been divided into four categories and the rates vary from Rs.230/- per month to

Rs. 1200/- per month. Besides, the compulsory fees are also being reimbursed.

- (ii) There is provision for readers' allowance for visually handicapped students and escort and transport allowance for physically handicapped students.
- (iii) The scholarship covers the whole duration of the course and is paid on an annual basis and is subject to the satisfactory performance of the student and good conduct.
- (iv) The Commercial Pilot License Course (CPL) is covered under Group -I.

**8.18 Funding Pattern:** Under the Scheme the State Government and UT Administrations receive 100% assistance from the Ministry over and above the committed liability of the respective State Government and UT Administration. The committed liability is the actual expenditure incurred by the State Government under the scheme during the terminal year of the preceding Five Year Plan. The committed liability is borne by States/UTs. The North-Eastern States have, however, been exempted from making their own budgetary provisions towards committed liability from 1997-98 and the State Government of Sikkim has also been exempted from 2007-08. The entire expenditure under the scheme in respect of the North East States is borne by the Ministry.

**8.19 Performance:** An amount of Rs. 587.84 crore was spent till 31st December, 2014 against the Budget allocation of BE Rs. 645.40 crore during 2014-15. The State-wise coverage of beneficiaries and central assistance released during the years 2012-13 to 2014-15 (till 31.12.2014) is given at **ANNEX: 8C**.

## Book Bank

**8.20 Objective:** Many ST students selected in professional courses find it difficult to continue their education for want of books on their subjects, as these are often expensive. In order to reduce the dropout rate of ST students from professional institutes/universities, funds are provided for purchase of books under this scheme.

**8.21 Salient Features:** The scheme is open to all ST students pursuing medical (including Indian Systems of Medicine & Homeopathy) engineering, agriculture, veterinary, polytechnic, law, chartered accountancy, business management, bio-science subjects, who are receiving Post-Matric Scholarships.

- (i) The books, for the purposes of the Book Banks scheme are restricted to prescribed textbooks.
- (ii) One set of books is purchased for two students of all professional courses except in respect of post-graduate courses and chartered accountancy where one set is purchased for each student.
- (iii) The books making one set in each course is decided by an Expert Committee constituted by the State Government for each course.
- (iv) The life period of each set of books is fixed at 3 years.
- (v) The central assistance to States/ UT Administrations for setting up Book Banks is limited to the following ceiling or actual cost of the set, whichever is less:

Sl. No.	Course	Cost of one Set (One set for 2 students)
	<b>Degree Courses</b>	
1	Medical	Rs.7,500/-
2	Engineering	Rs.7,500/-
3	Veterinary	Rs.5,000/-
4	Agriculture	Rs.4,500/-
5	Polytechnic	Rs.2,400/-
II	<b>Post Graduate Courses</b>	
1	Medical, Engineering	Rs.5000/- (One set per student)
2	Business Management	
3	Law	
4	Bio-Sciences	

The scheme provides Rs. 2000/- or the actual cost whichever is less for the purchase of steel almirah, transportation costs etc. The books are provided to the University/College concerned and are issued to the students for the academic year.



**8.22 Funding Pattern:** This is a centrally sponsored scheme and the expenses are shared between the Centre and State on 50:50 basis. However, in respect of UT Administrations cent per cent grants are given by the Ministry.

### Upgradation of Merit

**8.23** The objective of the scheme is to upgrade the merit of Scheduled Tribe including PVTG students in classes IX to XII by providing them with facilities for all round development through education in residential schools so that they can compete with other students for admission to higher education courses and for senior administrative and technical occupations. The scheme has been functioning only as a sub-scheme of the PMS. The Scheme was revised with effect from the financial year 2008-09.

#### 8.24 Salient Features:

- (i) The State Government/ UT Administration selects certain schools in different Districts/ towns with hostel facilities which show excellence in performance of students from class IX to XII. The Ministry fixes the total number of awards for each State annually.
- (ii) Coaching starts from class IX in the identified schools and continues till the awardees complete class XII.
- (iii) Coaching is provided in languages, science, mathematics as well as special coaching for admission to professional courses like engineering and medicine.
- (iv) While selecting the ST students the aim is to include at least 30% girl students and 3% disabled students.
- (iv) A revised package grant of Rs. 19,500/- per student per year is provided from 2008-09 which includes the honorarium to be paid to the Principal or Experts imparting coaching and also to meet incidental charges.
- (v) Students with disabilities are provided additional grants.

- (vii) 100% financial assistance is provided to the States and UTs for implementation of the scheme.

**8.25 Allocation:** Funds for the current year 2014-15 has not been released and is under progress and the Budget allocation of BE Rs. 1.50 crore during 2014-15.

**8.26 Performance:** The State-wise coverage of beneficiaries and the amount released during the years 2012-13 to 2014-15 (till 31.12.2014) is at **ANNEX: 8D.**

### National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for Higher Studies Abroad:

**8.27 Objective:** The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to students selected for pursuing higher studies abroad for Post-Graduation, Ph. D and Post-Doctoral research programmes. Ministry has revised some of its provisions to make it more beneficial for ST students in terms of increasing their employability and for their socio-economic development. The Ministry has approved the revised scheme of National Overseas Scholarships (NOS) for ST candidates by the Competent Authority for implementation during the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan period (2013-14 to 2016-17).

**8.28 Scope:** 17 Scheduled Tribe candidates and 3 candidates belonging to PVTGs ( Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups) can be awarded the scholarship annually for pursuing Post Graduate, Doctoral and Post-Doctoral level courses abroad.

#### 8.29 Salient Features:

- (i) The scholarship is awarded to ST candidates (one member from each family) below 35 years of age on the date of advertisement, provided the total income of the candidate or his/her parents/guardians does not exceed Rs 6.00 lakh - per annum.
- (ii) For a Post Graduate course the candidate shall possess 55% marks or equivalent grade in the relevant Bachelor's degree with at least 2 years' work experience being desirable.

Candidates with experience would be given preference. For M.Phil. or Ph.D course he/she shall have 55 % marks or equivalent grade in the relevant Master's degree with 2 years' research/ teaching/M.Phil Degree in the concerned field is desirable. Candidates with experience would be given preference. For post-Doctoral studies a candidate shall have 55% marks or equivalent grade in the relevant Master's degree and Ph.D. 5 years' teaching/ research/ professional experience in a relevant field is desirable.

- (iii) The candidates are required to arrange admission to a university/ institute abroad on their own within 3 years from the date of communication of selection.
- (iv) The awardees are provided a maintenance allowance of US\$ 15,400/- or £9,900 per annum, which they may supplement up to US\$ 2400 or £ 1560 per annum, by undertaking research/ teaching assistantship. In the event of earnings beyond this limit, the Indian Mission may reduce the maintenance allowance granted under the scheme correspondingly.
- (v) The awardees on return to India have to remain in India for at least 5 years.

**8.30** Four annual "Passage Grants" to Scheduled Tribe and PVTG candidates are also available under this scheme. The passage grants are open throughout the year to such candidates who are in receipt of a merit scholarship for post-graduate studies, research or training abroad from a foreign university/ Government or under any other scheme, where the cost of passage is not provided. The scheme provides grants for to and fro passage from India and back by economy class.

**8.31 Funding Pattern:** Grants are given to the selected candidates on 100 per cent basis directly by the Ministry through the Indian Mission.

**8.32 Allocation:** An amount of Rs.0.99 crore was spent till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014 against the Budget allocation of BE Rs. 1.00 crore during 2014-15.

**8.33 Performance:** During the year 2013-14, 13 Students have been selected against the selection year 2012-13. Selection for year 2013-14 and 2014-15 is under process.

### **Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF):**

**8.34 Objective:** The objective of the scheme is to provide fellowships in the form of financial assistance to students belonging to the Scheduled Tribes to pursue higher studies such as M.Phil and Ph.D. The Scheme has been started from the year 2005-06.

**8.35 Coverage:** This scheme covers all the Universities/Institutions recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under section 2(f) of the UGC Act. The duration of fellowship is as under:-

Name of the Course	Maximum duration	Admissibility of JRF and SRF	
		JRF	SRF
M. Phil	2 Years	2 Years	Nil
Ph. D.	5 Years	2 Years	Remaining 3 years
M. Phil. + Ph. D.	5 Years	2 Years	Remaining 3 years

**8.36 Funding Pattern:** The rate of fellowship for Junior Research Fellow (JRF) and Senior Research Fellow (SRF) is at par with the UGC Fellowships as amended from time to time. Presently these rates are as follows:

Fellowship in Science, Humanities and Social Science	@ Rs. 25,000/- p.m. for initial two years (JRF) @ Rs. 28,000/- p.m. for remaining tenure (SRF)
Fellowship in Engineering & Technology	@ Rs. 25,000/- p.m. for initial two years (JRF) @ Rs. 28,000/- p.m. for remaining tenure (SRF)
Contingency for Humanities & Social Sciences	@ Rs.10,000/- p.a. for initial two years @ Rs.20,500/- p.a. for remaining tenure
Contingency for Sciences, Engineering & Technology	@ Rs. 12,000/- p.a. for initial two years @ Rs. 25,000/- p.a. for remaining tenure

Departmental assistance (All subject)	@ Rs.3,000/- p.a. per student to the host institution for providing infrastructure
Escorts/Reader assistance (All subject)	@ Rs.2,000/- p.m. in cases of physically and visually handicapped candidates

### 8.37 Salient Features:-

- Under the Scheme 667 fellowships will be provided to the ST students each year.
- The maximum duration of the fellowships is 5 years.
- Fellowships are provided to ST students to enable them to pursue higher studies such as M.Phil and Ph. D.
- UGC implements the scheme on behalf of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- There will be no restrictions as regard to the minimum marks in the Post Graduation Examination or prior clearance of NET examination.

**8.38 Allocation:** Since there were sufficient funds available with UGC as unspent balance, no amount was released till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014 against the Budget allocation of BE Rs. 90.00 crore during 2014-15.

**8.39 Performance:** Upto 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014, 3335 students have been awarded the RGNF since its inception.

### Scheme of Top Class Education for ST Students

**8.40 Objective:** The objective of the scheme is to encourage meritorious ST students for pursuing studies at degree and post degree level in any of the selected list of institutes, in which the scholarship scheme would be operative. The Scheme has been started from 2007-08.

**8.41 Coverage:** There are 213 institutes approved under the scheme in both the Government and private sectors covering the field of management,

medicine, engineering, law and commercial courses. Each institute has been allocated five awards, with a ceiling of total 625 scholarships per year.

### 8.42 Salient Features:

- (i) With effect from 1.04.2013 the family income of the ST students from all the sources shall not exceed Rs.4.50 lakh per annum.
- (ii) The ST students will be awarded scholarship covering full tuition fee and other non-refundable dues in respect of Government/ Government-funded institutions. However, there will be a ceiling of Rs.2.00 lakh per annum per student in private sector institutions and Rs.3.72 lakh per annum per student in private sector flying clubs for Commercial Pilot Training.
- (iii) The scholarship also provides for (a) living expenses @ Rs.2200/- per month per student subject to actual, (b) books and stationery @ Rs.3000/- per annum per student and (c) cost of a latest computer system along with its accessories limited to Rs.45000/- as one time assistance during the course.
- (iv) The scheme will be funded by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs on 100% basis and the funds shall be released directly to the institution concerned.

**8.43 Allocation:** An amount of Rs. 7.09 crore was spent till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014 against the Budget allocation of BE Rs. 12.74 crore during 2014-15.

**8.44 Performance:** 343 students in 53 institutions have been awarded the Top Class Education fellowship till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014.

### Vocational Training in Tribal Areas (VTC):

**8.45 Objectives:** The main aim of this scheme is to upgrade the skills of the tribal youth in various traditional/ modern vocations depending upon their educational qualification, present economic trends and the market potential, which would enable them to gain suitable employment or enable them



to become self employed. The scheme has been revised with effect from 1.4.2009 and is being implemented through the State Governments/UT Administrations, Institutions or Organizations set up by Government as autonomous bodies, educational and other institutions like local bodies and cooperative societies and Non-Governmental Organizations etc.

**8.46 Coverage:** The scheme covers all the States and Union Territories. The scheme is exclusively for benefit of the Scheduled Tribes as well as PVTGs. As far as possible minimum 33% seats will be reserved from tribal girl candidates.

Each Vocational Training centre set up under the Scheme may cater to a maximum of five trades and will provide training to 100 or more trainees i.e. for one trade there should be at least 20 candidates. There is provision for monthly stipend and for raw material for the trainees. The funding under this scheme will be in two ways:

- (i) by setting up and running VTCs mainly in remote areas/ rural areas deficient in facilities,
- (ii) by supporting Vocational Training for ST as also PVTG candidates in already existing institutions in townships/ districts, etc. like ITIs, polytechnics, computer training centres, and other private recognized institutions, subject to the maximum assistance of Rs.30,000/- per annum per ST trainee as per norms, in both cases.

**8.47 Funding Pattern:** 100% grants under the scheme are provided to the States, Union Territories and other Associations implementing the Scheme.

#### 8.48 Salient Features:

- a) The scheme will be implemented for the benefit of the Scheduled Tribes as well as PVTGs and can be taken up anywhere in the country but priority will be given to remote tribal areas, areas inhabited by particularly vulnerable tribes and areas affected by extremist activities.
- b) Under the scheme, the training for trades including modern trades having employment potential in the region should be provided.
- c) This scheme is exclusively for the benefit of scheduled tribes as well as PVTGs. The organization running VTC will admit the ST youth irrespective of the region/State to which they belong.
- d) It will be imperative on the part of the concerned organization (i.e. States/UTs/NGOs/other organizations) to assess the employment potential in a particular area in advance depending on the educational qualification of the target population, type of industries available in that region/State, present economic trend and market potential, etc. before proposing the trades.
- e) The organizations will establish linkages with recognized institutions which can provide a Certificate/Diploma to the candidates for the trades in which they have been trained.
- f) The institutions/organizations (State/UT run institutions as well as NGOs) who are already running project with the assistance from this Ministry, and also the new applicant institutions/ organizations should get/have recognition/ affiliation/ accreditation under “Modular Employable Skills (MES)” from Regional Directorate of Apprenticeship Training of the State/UT Governments or recognition/affiliation under “Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS)” from National Council of Vocational Training (NCVT) under Directorate General of Employment & Training (Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India), as applicable.
- g) The organization should establish linkages with placement services, and for the candidates interested in self employment after availing the training, the organization shall arrange easy micro finance/loans for them through financial institutions, National Scheduled Tribe Finance Development Corporation

(NSTFDC), banks, etc. Preference will be given to those institutions which guarantee placement/employment after completion of training.

- h) As far as possible, minimum 33% seats will be reserved for tribal girl candidates.
- i) 100% grant-in-aid will be provided to the States/UTs/State owned institutions/VOs/NGOs/other private organizations, eligible for assistance as specified in Para 2 of the Scheme.
- j) The grant-in-aid will be released to the State/UT Governments/State owned institutions in one instalment in a year, and to the NGOs/private institutions in two installments as per General Financial Rules.
- k) The funding under this scheme will be in following two ways:
  - (i) by setting up and running VTCs mainly in remote areas/rural areas deficient in facilities,
  - (ii) by supporting vocational training for ST as also PVTG candidates in already existing institutions in townships/districts, etc. like ITIs, Polytechnics, computer training centres, and other private recognized institutions subject to the maximum assistance of Rs.30,000/- per annum per ST trainee as per the following financial norms :

#### **Recurring:-**

- (A) Rs. 30,000/- per annum per trainee includes:-
  - (i) Stipend to trainee @ Rs. 700/- per month.
  - (ii) Rs. 1600/- per trainee per annum for procurement of tools, raw material etc.
  - (iii) Monthly honorarium to faculty/supporting staff etc.
  - (iv) Boarding/lodging of trainees, electricity and water charges, etc.

- (B) In case of rented building, annual rent will be admissible in addition to (A) above as per actuals, and maximum limit will be Rs. 10,000/- per month. This will be subject to submission of **Rent Assessment Certificate** by Public Works Department of the State Government. If building is owned by the institution/organization, only 10% of the rental value (authenticated by State PWD), as admissible, will be provided as maintenance charges per annum.

#### **Non-recurring:-**

Rs. 2.40 lakh for five trades once in five years @ Rs. 0.48 lakh per trade.

**8.49 Allocation:** An amount of Rs. 4.86 crore was spent till 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 against the Budget allocation of BE Rs. 4.90 crore for States during 2014-15. (Rs. 4.90 crore for States and Rs.3.00 crore for NGOs). In addition, an amount of Rs.0.53 crore has also been released to Mizoram for 5 VTCs to benefiting 500 ST trainees under the scheme of Article 275(1) of the constitution.

**8.50 Performance:** The details of Grant released to State Governments and UT Administrations during 2012-13 to 2014-15 (till 31.12.2014) are furnished at **ANNEX: 8E**.

### **PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR NEEDY SCHEDULED TRIBE STUDENTS STUDYING IN CLASSES IX&X:**

**8.51 Objectives:** The objectives of the Scheme are to: (i) support parents of ST students for education of their wards studying in Classes IX and X so that the incidence of dropout, especially in transition from the elementary to secondary and during secondary stage of education, is minimized, and (ii) improve participation of ST students in Classes IX and X of Pre-Matric stage, so that they perform well and have a better chance of progressing to Post - Matric stages of education.

**8.52 Coverage:** The scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students is implemented through

State Governments and UT Administrations which receives 100% Central Assistance from Government of India for expenditure under the Scheme, over and above their committed liability.

### 8.53 Salient features:

- A Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented through the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.
- 100% Central assistance over and above the committed liability of the State Governments/UT Administrations is available from the Government of India.
- Scholarships are available for studies in India only.
- The State Government/UT Administration to which the applicant actually belongs awards the scholarship.
- The Scheme aims at improving participation of ST children in classes IX and X of the Pre Matric stage, so that they perform better and have a better chance of progressing to the Post Matric stage of education.

### 8.54 Eligibility:

- Student should belong to Scheduled Tribe
- Her/his Parents'/Guardian's income should not exceed Rs. 2.00 lakh per annum.
- She / he should not be getting any other Centrally-funded Pre Matric Scholarship.
- She/ he should be a regular, full time student studying in a Government School or in a School recognized by Govt. or a Central/State Board of Secondary Education.
- Scholarship for studying in any class will be available for only one year. If a student has to repeat a class, she / he would not get scholarship for that class for a second (or subsequent).

### 8.55 Benefits:

- Scholarships are paid @ Rs.150/- per month for day scholars and @ Rs.350/- per month for hostellers, for a period of 10 months in a year.
- Books and ad-hoc grant are paid @ Rs. 750/- per year for day scholars and Rs. 1000/- per year for hostellers.
- ST students with disabilities who are studying in private unaided recognized schools are eligible for monthly allowances @ between Rs. 160/- to Rs. 240/- per months depending upon their degrees of disability.
- The scholarships are paid for 10 months in an academic year.
- The award once made will continue subject to good conduct and regularity in attendance. It will be renewed for Class X after the student passes Class IX.

**8.56 Allocation:** An amount of Rs. 193.06 crore was spent till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014 against the Budget allocation of BE Rs. 258.82 crore during 2014-15.

**8.57 Performance:** The State-wise release of funds and number of beneficiaries till 31.12.2014 is given at **ANNEX: 8F**.

### 8.58 Umbrella Scheme for Education of Tribal Children

Education is considered as the backbone of development, both at the individual household and societal levels. But educating the tribal children has been a challenge for the Government for various socio-cultural, economic, ecological and administrative reasons. Despite Government initiatives and efforts to promote education among STs the literacy among STs as compared to national average has remained low and the female literacy rate has been still lower compared to national literacy rate. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs, with its mandate of critical gap filling, is re-engineering the education Schemes, wherein the existing schemes are merged

and subsumed under an Umbrella Scheme. The merger and reorganization of the existing schemes is expected to expand the scope and flexibility of interventions that are presently available under the individual stand-alone schemes. It would provide a cafeteria mode of options for States and Union Territories to draw upon, according to their specific needs and priorities in a bottom up approach. The objective of re-engineering is to provide adequate educational infrastructure for STs and incentive for education for ST children through scholarships. This is to be achieved through convergence of schemes of line ministries along with simplification of process for availing scholarships and also through technological aids in improving learning activities. The Umbrella Scheme subsumes following existing schemes of the Education Division of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

- (i) Establishment and strengthening of Ashram Schools.
- (ii) Establishment and strengthening of Hostels
- (iii) Vocational Training in Tribal areas
- (iv) Pre Matric Scholarships
- (v) Post Matric Scholarships

### **8.59. Common portal for scholarship for higher studies:**

A scholarship portal to provide a single window for applying, examining the cases by the authorities

and final sanction and disbursement directly into the bank accounts of eligible ST students has been developed to implement the Top class education scholarship and Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship schemes. Both these schemes have been merged into a single scheme and is being named as Birsha Munda scholarship scheme for higher studies of St students and is expected to be launched during February 2015. Scope of education for the scholarship has been expanded to include Tribal Culture, Art, Painting, Dance, Music, Medicine, Sports etc.

### **8.60 Expansion of the scope Education for ST students:**

Education for ST children in the age group of 5-16 is being made contextually relevant and culturally appropriate. While the curriculum is made culturally sensitive, focus is also given for the ST children to learn economically viable options for life and livelihood. Focus is given to the Multi Lingual Education by developing and using primers in tribal languages in regional scripts for teaching and learning in the schools in tribal areas. Vacation timings are being aligned with the local tribal festivals and harvest seasons. Tribal sports, games, nutrition, health, hygiene, Tribal culture, Art, Painting, Dance, Music, oral tradition, folklore, work & vocational education are being incorporated and scope of education is being expanded.

## ANNEX: 8A

State-Wise Releases of Funds and Number of Hostels Sanctioned Under the Scheme of Hostels for ST Girls and Boys from 2012-13 to 2014-15 (as on 31.12.2014)

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No	Name of State/UT/ University	2012-13			2013-14			2014-15 (As on 31.12.2014)		
		Amount	Hostel	Seat	Amount	Hostel	Seat	Amount	Hostel	Seat
1	Arunachal Pradesh	279.81	Arrear	0	846.73	Arrear	0	0	0	0
2	Gujarat	187.06	Arrear	0	939.33	Arrear	0	0	0	0
3	Kerala	0	0	0	553.45	4	280	1949.63	6	600
4	Madhya Pradesh	2291.57	30	1680	0	0	0	1305.00	Arrear	0
5	Maharashtra	0	0	0	0	0	0	1031.00	Arrear	0
6	Mizoram	0	0	0	2289.44	8	440	0	0	0
7	Nagaland	0	0	0	810.95	5	500	0	0	0
8	Orissa	1697.50	Arrear	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Rajasthan	1500.00	Arrear	0	2646.87	17	850	0	0	0
10	Sikkim	460.29	3	425	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Tamil Nadu	0	0	0	112.73	Arrear	0	0	0	0
12	Tripura	883.77	Arrear	0	1906.01	10	750	0	0	0
13	Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat, Gujarat	62.92	Arrear	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, U.P.	0	0	0	0	0	0	304.99	Arrear	0
15	Mizoram University, Aizawl	437.08	1	100	0	0	0	195.01	Arrear	0
	Total	7800.00	34	2205	10105.50	44	2820	4785.63	6	600



## ANNEX: 8B

**State-Wise Releases of funds and Number of Ashram Schools Sanctioned Under the Scheme of Establishment of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub Plan Areas from 2012-13 to 2014-15 (As on 31.12.2014)**

(Rs. in lakh)

SL. NO.	NAME OF STATE/UT	2012-13			2013-14			2014-15 (As on 31.12.2014)		
		Amount	School	Seat	Amount	School	Seat	Amount	School	Seat
1	Andhra Pradesh	988.49	27	2700	371.88	Arrear	0	0	0	0
2	Assam	0	0	0	749.60	1	640	0	0	0
3	Chhattisgarh	530.36	12	600	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Goa	300.00	1	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Gujarat	0	0	0	0	0	0	1144.48	Arrear	0
6	Kerala	1025.02	Arrear	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	1425.00	Arrear	0
8	Maharashtra	0	0	0	2474.63	8	3700	1000.00	Arrear	0
9	Odisha	2458.90	Arrear	0	2091.10	15	4500	0	0	0
10	Sikkim	0	0	0	575.28	1	420	0	0	0
11	Tripura	797.23	Arrear	0	954.52	5	1000	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6100.00</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>3800</b>	<b>7217.00</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>10260</b>	<b>3569.48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## ANNEX: 8C

State-wise Releases of Grant-in-aid and number of Beneficiaries Under the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for ST Students from 2012-13 to 2014-15 (As on 31.12.2014)

(Rs. in Lakh)

SL. No.	NAME OF STATE/UT	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (As on 31.12.2014)	
		Amount	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount	No. of Beneficiaries
1	Andhra Pradesh	19438.70	229360	4895.17	229360	5070.01	82091
2	Arunachal Pradesh	633.00	5800	1366.85	630	2.29	630
3	Assam	4537.69	96755	4756.81	102800	1114.00	102800
4	Bihar	90.00	3270	23.00	6463	23.00	6463
5	Chhattisgarh	3150.31	122597	1341.47	106231	4066.75	139447
6	Goa	8.00	0	2.00	1332	2.00	1332
7	Gujarat	2460.71	173877	7138.58	218570	3929.23	218000
8	Himachal Pradesh	948.52	7072	282.83	5189	237.00	5189
9	Jammu & Kashmir	710.06	10322	177.00	18700	2494.17	21000
10	Jharkhand	1344.21	53032	3267.40	72878	4927.23	81768
11	Karnataka	2522.75	109397	3340.76	132376	3691.00	134988
12	Kerala	329.45	12488	625.53	12705	647.00	13225
13	Madhya Pradesh	9542.45	178581	5276.71	192437	2385.00	188145
14	Maharashtra	4604.38	192961	11996.04	178146	7451.83	175000
15	Manipur	4243.64	57096	6111.01	53965	3615.48	57828
16	Meghalaya	1753.42	77569	3438.00	79011	438.00	79011
17	Mizoram	3546.61	54349	5393.89	56873	886.00	62410
18	Nagaland	2191.09	37861	2626.19	39867	2329.59	40133
19	Odisha	5405.95	69605	3459.87	89115	4512.00	130960
20	Rajasthan	2142.99	236565	2216.02	288020	6440.00	246249
21	Sikkim	414.15	3111	845.49	2643	414.00	2705
22	Tamil Nadu	178.66	3941	1436.02	11092	44.00	11092
23	Telangana	0	0	0	0	2630.94	171329
24	Tripura	1036.47	15705	1390.99	24270	974.82	22261
25	Uttar Pradesh	227.00	7278	56.00	7500	56.00	7500
26	Uttarakhand	657.98	27566	1086.50	24812	164.00	25269
27	West Bengal	949.16	80881	2277.63	79230	237.00	79230
28	A. & N. Islands	3.00	28	0.75	28	0.75	28
29	Daman & Diu	4.00	0	10.90	320	1.00	320
	<b>Total</b>	<b>73074.35</b>	<b>1867067</b>	<b>74839.41</b>	<b>2034563</b>	<b>58784.09</b>	<b>2106403</b>

### ANNEX: 8D

State-wise Releases of Grant-in-aid and Number of Benenficiaries Under the Scheme of Upgradation of Merit from 2012-13 to 2013-14 (As on 31.12.2014)

Rs. in lakh

Sl. No.	Name of the State/ UT	2012-13		2013-14	
		Amt	No. of Beneficiaries	Amt	No. of Beneficiaries
1	Chhattisgarh	17.70	140	0	0
2	Himachal Pradesh	0.39	2	0	0
3	Rajasthan	7.18	39	0	0
4	Sikkim	3.12	16	3.12	16
5	Tripura	3.12	16	3.12	16
	<b>Total</b>	<b>31.51</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>6.24</b>	<b>32</b>

NOTE: Funds for the current year 2014-15 has not been released and is under progress

### ANNEX: 8E

State-wise Releases of Grant-in-aid and number of Beneficiaries Under the Scheme of Vocartional Training in Tribal Areas from 2012-13 to 2014-15 (As on 31.12.2014)

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	NAME OF STATE/UT	2012-13			2013-14			2014-15 (As on 31.12.2014)		
		Amount	Centre	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount	Centre	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount	Centre	No. of Beneficiaries
1	Assam	89.00	10	1000	390.51	11	2000	485.70	10	1000
2	Madhya Pradesh	88.00	10	587	150.74	arrear	0	0	0	0
3	Mizoram	88.00	5	500	69.68	arrear	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>265.00</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2087</b>	<b>610.93</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>485.70000</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1000</b>

**ANNEX: 8F**

State-wise Releases of Grant-in-aid and Number of Beneficiaries Under the Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for needy Scheduled Tribe student from 2012-13 to 2014-15 (As on 31.12.2014)

(Rs. in lakh)

		<b>2012-13</b>		<b>2013-14</b>		<b>2014-15</b> (As on 31.12.2014)	
<b>Sl.No</b>	<b>Name of the State/UT</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	500.00	161608	0.00	0	1386.00	75812
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0	218.44	29143	0.00	0
3	Assam	90.00	11400	211.88	12255	0.00	0
4	Bihar	0.00	0	0.00	0	688.60	40700
5	Chhattisgarh	593.00	267910	0.00	0	3718.00	228626
6	Goa	0.00	0	14.00	1728	0.00	0
7	Gujarat	500.00	246604	2835.28	265168	3750.00	200000
8	Himachal Pradesh	20.00	9586	45.73	2124	73.00	3996
9	Jharkhand	1472.00	119936	0.00	0	1613.00	93533
10	Karnataka	260.00	132653	3320.05	84680	0.00	0
11	Kerala	57.00	13402	0.00	0	0.00	0
12	Madhya Pradesh	3400.00	387596	0.00	0	0.00	0
13	Maharashtra	251.00	228894	0.00	0	0.00	0
14	Manipur	100.00	27112	729.70	27112	496.05	40126
15	Meghalaya	15.00	4380	296.76	10707	0.00	0
16	Mizoram	70.00	8760	123.19	3283	0.00	0
17	Odisha	3128.00	204958	5601.08	221709	4511.00	203301
18	Rajasthan	0.00	0	4792.55	1267802	2383.34	187508
19	Sikkim	4.00	800	0.00	0	7.80	408
20	Tamil Nadu	26.00	6487	0.00	0	0.00	0
21	Tripura	340.00	40861	674.33	65690	678.75	44598
22	Uttar Pradesh	28.00	7485	0.00	0	0.00	0
23	Uttarakhand	26.00	13183	460.20	12255	0.00	0
24	West Bengal	260.00	114000	2620	119856	0.00	0
25	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	33.00	4530	0.00	0	0.00	0
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>11173.00</b>	<b>2012145</b>	<b>21943.19</b>	<b>2123512</b>	<b>19305.533</b>	<b>1118608</b>