

SCA(SCSP)-2 Placing of SCA funds at the disposal of district authorities – (i) Deputy Commissioners (ii) District Welfare Officers

Approved Outlay- Rs. 2441.29 Lac

It has been observed that the development programmes being implemented for the below poverty line Scheduled Castes in the districts tend to get slow down either because a particular input is not available under the approved schemes or certain sanctions/formalities take a long time due to procedural constraints and the matter is referred to the State Headquarters for final approvals. To expedite the implementation of the programme for economic development of SCs some SCA funds are provided to the Deputy Commissioners on adhoc basis keeping in view the performance of the district(s) and the genuine proposals. Deputy Commissioners formulate the schemes for the economic development of below poverty line Scheduled Castes with reference to their occupational pattern as per the felt needs of the concerned district which increases productivity and income from their limited resources. Deputy Commissioners send these proposals to the Directorate of Scheduled Castes Sub Plan for approval and Directorate of SCSP accords necessary sanctions. All the Additional Deputy Commissioners(Dev.) have been declared Drawing and Disbursing Officers of the scheme. The funds are drawn by them from the concerned District Treasury as and when the sanction is issued by Directorate of SCSP.

Presently, District Authorities are providing subsidy items to BPL SCs to make them self employed. The items include power operated spray pumps with safety kits, air compressors and puncture tool kits, rickshaw/rehris, cycle/rickshaws, mobile tea shops, multipurpose rehris etc. Also various training programmes are being run like training in cutting tailoring, phulkari, hand embroidery, beauty parlor, fashion designing, fancy bag manufacturing, welding, AC and fridge repair, two wheeler mechanic, electrician, motor winding, maintenance of invertors and stabilizers, tie and die technology etc. Also as per the guidelines of MoSJE, GoI upto 10% SCA funds are being utilized to provide infrastructure facilities like providing RO water purifier, sports tool kits and furniture in schools situated in villages having 50% and more SC population.

From the year 2017-18 all the training programmes have been compulsorily made National Skill Qualification Frame Work (NSQF) compliance as per the guidelines of Ministry of Skill Development, Gol conveyed to the State Government by MoSJE, Gol.

An amount of Rs. 2143.10 lac is likely to be spent during 2017-18 under the scheme to provide benefit to 21430 beneficiaries. An allocation of Rs. 2441.29 Lac has been earmarked for the year 2018-19 to provide benefit to 24413 beneficiaries.