

ADI DRAVIDAR AND TRIBAL WELFARE
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“வான்நோக்கி வாழும் உலகுஎல்லாம் மன்னவன்
கோல்நோக்கி வாழும் குடி”

– திருவள்ளுவர்

“All the world looks to the rain clouds for its sustenance;
So too, the people look upto the king for just rule”

- THIRUVALLUVAR

The good King's scepter is the symbol of his just rule. In this Kural, the skies stand for the rain that drops from the heavens to nourish the food-crops, and the royal scepter symbolizes the justice that is expected to flow from it towards his people.

One of the main policies of the Government is to improve the livelihood of Adi Dravidar and Tribes and to seek socio-economic development of these segments of the society. As per 2001 census, the total population of Tamil Nadu is 624.06 lakhs and out of which the population of Adi Dravidar is 118.58 lakhs (19%) and that of Tribals is 6.51 lakhs (1.04%). The Government are very keen about the welfare of the Adi Dravidar and Tribes and their educational and economical backwardness is taken care of with the utmost devotion. The literacy level of Adi Dravidar and Tribes is much less than that of general literacy level in Tamil Nadu. As against the general literacy level of 73.45%, the Adi Dravidar and Tribal literacy level is at 63.19% and 41.53% respectively. The reasons for such a situation are socio-economic backwardness, lack of good education and asymmetrical structure of the society. To remove such barriers, the Government have strong determination not only to remove poverty among Adi Dravidar and Tribes but also to seek social justice based on equality.

Great emphasis is laid by this Government that all the children of Adi Dravidar and Tribal families should be provided with excellent and adequate education so that they could also rise up in their way of life as others. The Government have therefore formulated many progressive policies to achieve these objectives. Some of them are provision of scholarships, free education in degree courses/post-graduate / professional courses, free supply of uniforms and bicycles, incentives to rural girl

students etc. Apart from these, hostels are maintained by this Department providing free boarding and lodging for these students. This Government have decided to construct hostel buildings with modern facilities wherever hostels are presently not functioning in Government buildings.

RESERVATION

The implementation of Rule of Reservation in a proper manner provides for the adequate representation of Adi Dravidar and Tribal people besides maintaining social justice. All Recruiting Agencies of the Government viz. Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, Tamil Nadu Teachers Recruitment Board, Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board follow 18% and 1% rule of reservation, in respect of Adi Dravidar and Tribals respectively. Whenever, no such eligible candidates are available as per this reservation, those posts are notified as backlog vacancies and are filled up in the succeeding years by way of conducting special examinations exclusively for the Adi Dravidar and Tribal candidates.

Wherever inadequacy of representation of Adi Dravidar / Tribal is noticed, steps are being taken to fill up those vacancies by the departments. A High Level Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare. As recommended by this committee, as a first step, to incorporate the provisions in the rules for filling up of shortfall vacancies of Adi Dravidar / Tribes by direct recruitment through the Recruitment Agencies, orders have been issued by making an amendment to General Rule 22 of the Tamil Nadu State and Subordinate Service Rules by introducing a New Clause 22 (g). Hence, as per this amendment, shortfall vacancies identified by the High Level Committee can be filled up by direct recruitment and if necessary, the Special Rules could also be amended. This High Level Committee reviews the shortfall vacancies of each Government Department and action is being taken to fill up the same.

Special Reservation for Arunthathiyars

Among the Adi-Dravidars, the Arunthathiyars are still at the lowest rung in terms of their socio-economic and educational status. In order to provide special concessions to them for their social upliftment, an Act viz. The Tamil Nadu

Arunthathiyars (Special Reservation of seats in Educational Institutions including Private Educational Institutions and of appointments or posts in the Services under the State within the Reservation for the Scheduled Castes) Act 2009 (Tamil Nadu Act 4 of 2009) has been enacted during the regime of Hon'ble Chief Minister offering 3% reservation to Arunthathiars within the 18% reservation available to the Adi Dravidars and brought into force from 29.4.2009.

I. ADI DRAVIDAR WELFARE

Education

The total number of schools functioning under the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Classification of Schools	No. of Schools	No. of Students
1.	Adi Dravidar Welfare Schools	1066	2,08,254
2.	Government Tribal Residential Schools	293	36,917
TOTAL		1359	2,45,171

Educational Development Schemes

Out of a sum of Rs.872.39 crore provided in the Budget Estimate of this department for 2009-10, a sum of Rs.671.74 crore i.e. 77% has been earmarked for the schemes related to Education. The Government of India have fixed the annual income limit of the parents or guardian's of Adi Dravidar / Tribal students at Rs.1,00,000 and Rs.1,08,000 respectively for the eligibility for the Government of India Post Matric Scholarship. This Government have fixed Rs.1,00,000 as the annual income limit of the parents or guardian's of Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar Converted to Christianity Students for obtaining State Government Scholarships.

Educational Fee Concessions

1. Tuition Fee Concession

The students belonging to Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity are exempted from payment of Tuition fees without taking into account of the parents / guardian's annual income ceiling, if they study in the Government / Government aided educational Institutions. This concession is provided to these students upto graduate level. A sum of Rs.321.42 lakhs was provided in the Budget Estimate

2008-2009 and it was increased to Rs.1400.90 lakhs in the Final Modified Appropriation and 24054 students were benefited in the year 2008-09.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.321.89 lakhs has been provided for this scheme.

2. Special Fee and Examination Fee Concessions to Under Graduate students

The students pursuing under graduate courses, whose parents / guardian's income exceeds the income limit as prescribed by the Government of India / State Government are exempted from payment of Special Fee and Examination Fee. A sum of Rs.90.00 lakhs was provided for this scheme in the year 2008-09 and 5870 students were benefited.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.90.00 lakhs has been provided for the scheme.

3. Special Fee and Examination Fee Concessions to Post Graduate Girl students

The girls who pursue Post Graduate courses, whose parents / guardian's income exceeds the limit as prescribed by Government of India / State Government for the Post Matric Scholarship are exempted from the payment of Special Fee and Examination fee. A sum of Rs.50.00 lakhs was provided for this scheme in the year 2008-09 and 1406 girl students were benefited.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.50.00 lakhs has been provided for this scheme.

4. Special Fee Concession upto X Standard (Prematric)

The Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity students studying in standard 6th to 10th are exempted from the payment of special fees. The expenditure incurred by the educational institutions concerned on account of the exemption granted are reimbursed by this Department.

A sum of Rs.100.40 lakhs was sanctioned in the Revised Estimate for the year 2008-09 and the expenditure was incurred for Adi Dravidar Welfare Schools towards reimbursement of Special fees. So far, 3,36,352 students were benefited by this scheme.

During 2009-10, a sum of Rs.100.40 lakhs has been allotted in Budget Estimate under this scheme.

5. Public Examination Fee Concessions

The Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity students studying in Standards X and XII are exempted from the payment of public examination fees without any income ceiling limit. The entire expenditure is reimbursed to the Directorate of Government Examinations by this Department. During 2008-09, a sum of Rs.461.71 lakhs was spent benefiting 1,13,372 students.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs. 461.71 lakhs has been provided for this scheme.

6. Educational Scholarship Schemes

(a) Scholarship Scheme beyond X Standard (Post- matric)

The Post-matric scholarship is given to those students, who continue their studies beyond Standard X. Under the Government of India's Post-matric scholarship scheme, the Adi Dravidar and Tribal students, whose parents / guardian's income does not exceed Rs.1,00,000/- and Rs.1,08,000/- per annum respectively are given a maximum assistance of Rs.330/- per month depending upon the class in which they study to meet the compulsory expenditure such as purchase of note books etc. and compulsory fees payable by them to the educational institutions. However, in case of students staying in the hostels, they are given a maximum of Rs.740/- per month as maintenance allowance depending upon the class in which they study. Besides this, all the compulsory fees payable by the

students are paid direct to the respective Government / Government Aided Educational Institutions.

A Book Bank scheme is being implemented for the academic development of students who receive the above said Government of India Scholarship and also who are pursuing Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary, Polytechnic, Law, Master Degree in Business Administration, Chartered Accountancy, Bio Science and other similar technical courses. Under this scheme, books are distributed to the value of Rs.2,400 to Rs.7,500. During 2008-09, a sum of Rs.145,96.42 lakhs was incurred covering 432601 students.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.146,12.90 lakhs has been provided for this scheme.

(b) State Special Scholarship Scheme beyond X Standard (Post-matric)

The State Government sanction the Post-matric Special scholarship to Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity, who are not eligible under the Government of India's Scholarship scheme. The students who pursue further studies beyond Standard X are given Rs. 65 to Rs.125 for day scholars and Rs.115 to Rs.280 for hostellers per month towards the maintenance charges and compulsory fees depending upon the class in which they study.

The Industrial Training Institute and other courses, for which a pass in X Standard is not required for admission, are also treated as post-matric courses, for award of this scholarship.

The post-matric scholarship of Government of India and that of the State Government are disbursed through the educational institutions. During 2008-09, a sum of Rs.660.48 lakhs was incurred benefiting 57611 students.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.684.40 lakhs has been provided for this scheme.

(c) Scholarship scheme upto X Standard (Pre-matric) for those engaged in unclean occupation

The Children of those engaged in unclean occupation are given this scholarship irrespective of their religion, caste and income.

Scholarship

1st standard to 10th Standard Rs.110/- per month
(Boys / girls not staying in the hostel)

3rd standard to 10th Standard Rs.700/- per month
(Boys / girls staying in the hostel)

Adhoc grant

Boys/Girls not staying in the hostel Rs.750/- per annum

Boys/Girls staying in the hostel Rs.1000/- per annum

A sum of Rs.681.92 lakhs provided during the year 2008-09 was increased to Rs.724.03 lakhs in the Revised Estimate benefiting 69,096 students.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.745.80 lakhs has been provided for the scheme.

(d) Higher Education Special Scholarship (HESS)

The scheme of Loan Scholarship was converted into grant based scheme known as "Higher Education Special Scholarship" (HESS). Under this scheme, the students who pursue degree courses are given Rs.6,500/- and Rs.7,000/- per annum for post graduate and professional courses. However, the Medical course students are given Rs.7,000/- per annum, out of which 75% is treated as scholarship and 25% as loan. During the year 2008-09, a sum of Rs.1350.00 lakhs was provided which was increased to Rs.1376.95 lakhs in the Revised Estimate and 21542 students were benefited.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.1420.00 lakhs has been provided to this scheme.

(e) Overseas Scholarship

Of late, students aspire to pursue higher studies abroad in the field of Engineering, Technology and Science. To cater to their needs, the Overseas Scholarship is being awarded. This scholarship is given to the candidates whose total income from all sources including employment or that of his parents / guardian's, does not exceed Rs.12,000/- per month.

7. Special Incentive Scheme for Encouraging Girls' Education

“புதல்வர்களின் சாதனையை கேட்டு
மகிழ்ந்தது பழைய வரலாறு ஆனால் – இன்று
சேய்கள் மகிழ் தாய்கள் படைக்கிறோம்
புதிய வரலாறு ...”

– மாண்புமிகு முதலமைச்சர் டாக்டர் கலைஞர்

In the past, the parents were happy on their Childrens' success. But today, the trend is that the Children are happy on their mothers' achievements.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Kalaingar

In the present day era of achievement by the women in all the fields, this Department is implementing various schemes with the objective of encouraging and educating the Girl students, from the primary level itself.

(a) To increase the enrolment rate among women :

படிப்பறிவு பெறுவோம்! படிப்படியாய் உயர்வோம்!

- மாண்புமிகு துணை முதலமைச்சர் மு.க.ஸ்டாலின்

Become educated! Make improvement step by step!

- Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister M.K. Stalin

Education brings development to human beings. Hence, it is felt necessary to improve the standard of education of Adi Dravidar and Tribal girl students at the beginning itself. Under the special scheme of encouraging girls education and to ensure their 100% enrollment, a sum of Rs.50/- per month is given as incentive for 10 months for 60,000 Adi Dravidar and Tribal girls studying in Standards III to V. As far as Adi Dravidar girls are concerned, this scheme is being implemented in the educationally backward Districts namely Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri, Thiruvannamalai, Cuddalore, Villupuram, Virudhunagar, Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur, Vellore, Salem, Namakkal, Tiruchirappalli, Perambalur, Ariyalur, Karur and Nagapattinam. For Tribal girls, this scheme is implemented in all the Districts except Chennai at a cost of Rs.300.00 lakhs during 2008 – 09.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.300.00 lakhs has been provided for the scheme.

(b) Reducing the drop – out rates

To encourage the students to continue their studies beyond VI standard, 30,000 Adi Dravidar and Tribal girls are given a sum of Rs.100/- per month as

incentive for 10 months in all districts except Chennai. This scheme has been implemented with the expenditure of Rs.300 lakhs during the year 2008-09.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.300.00 lakhs has been provided for the scheme.

8. Awards for the Best Students (State Level)

Various prize money schemes are implemented to encourage students to score higher marks in their Public Examinations. Students who secure the highest marks in Standards X and XII Public Examinations at the State Level are awarded prizes as detailed below :-

1.	Standard XII	One boy and one girl from each community of Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity at Rs.25,000/- per student securing first rank at State level.
2.	Standard X	One boy and one girl from each community of Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity at Rs.10,000/- per student securing first rank at State level.
3.	Standard XII Examination State Level (25 Subjects)	One boy or one girl from each community of Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity at Rs.2,000/- per student securing first rank at State level in each subject (25 subjects).
4.	Standard X Examination State Level (5 subjects)	One boy or one girl from each community from Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity at Rs.1,000/- per student securing first rank at State level in each subject (5 subjects).

During the year 2008-09, a sum of Rs.3.75 lakhs was spent for this scheme.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.3.75 lakhs has been provided for this purpose.

9. Awards for the Best Students (District Level)

Students who secure the highest marks in std. X and XII Public Examinations at the District Level are awarded prizes as follows:-

1.	Standard XII	One boy and one girl from among Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity at Rs.3,000/- per student
2.	Standard X (Three Prizes)	
	First Prize	One boy and one girl from among Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity at Rs.1,000/- per student.
	Second Prize	One boy and one girl from among Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity at Rs.500/- per student.
	Third Prize	One boy and one girl from among Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity at Rs.300/- per student.

During the year 2008-09, a sum of Rs.3.16 lakhs was spent .

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.3.01 lakhs has been provided for the scheme.

10. Chief Minister's Merit Award

Under this scheme, 1000 boys and 1000 girls belonging to Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity, in the order of marks they scored in +2 Public examination and who continue their higher studies are given a sum of Rs.1,500/- per annum as award for each student for a period of 5 years. During the year 2008-09, a sum of Rs.64.42 lakhs was provided and 3750 students were benefited.

For the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.64.42 lakhs has been provided for this scheme.

11. Annal Gandhi Memorial Award

This award is given in memory of Mahatma Gandhiji to the Hindu Adi Dravidar students who secure first mark in each district in +2 Public Examinations. One boy and one girl student are selected for this award. An award of Rs.1,500/- per annum for the first year and Rs.1,000/- per annum for the subsequent five years will be given under this scheme. A sum of Rs.2.28 lakhs was incurred during the year 2008-09 and 176 students were benefited.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.3.34 lakhs has been provided for the scheme.

12. Special Prize Money Award

Under this scheme, prize money is awarded to the Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity students, who have passed with 60% and above marks in degree, post graduate and professional courses examinations. The prize money awards ranges from Rs.2,000/- to Rs.5,000/- and it is distributed to 550 students. A sum of Rs.18.50 lakhs was incurred in the year 2008-09.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.18.50 lakhs has been provided for this scheme.

13. Merit Cum Means Award

Similar to the Annal Gandhi Memorial Award, Merit cum Means Award is given to one boy and one girl belonging to Tribal and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity students in each district. During the year 2008-09, a sum of Rs.1.20 lakhs was provided and 114 students were benefited.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.1.20 lakhs has been provided for this scheme.

14. Awards to Bright Students

Under this scheme, two Boys and two Girls among each category viz., the Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity in each District, who secure the highest marks in X Standard examination are selected and awarded a sum of Rs.800/- for the first year and Rs.960/- per annum for the subsequent five years for a total period of six years, provided they continue their higher studies. A sum of Rs.8.16 lakhs was incurred in the year 2008-09 benefiting 448 students.

During the year 2009-10, this scheme will be continued at a cost Rs.8.16 lakhs.

15. New Scholarship Scheme of Top Class Education for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

The Government of India have introduced a "New Central Sector Scholarship Scheme of Top Class Education" for Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes with effect from 2007-08. In Tamil Nadu, 6 Excellent Educational Institutions in Engineering, Management, Medical and Aeronautic have been selected by Government of India under this scheme. The primary objective of the scheme is to promote merit amongst the top rank Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes students pursuing studies beyond +2 in the reputed institutes of excellence.

The Government of India are releasing funds to the Institutions concerned towards the course fee, other non-refundable charges, lodging and boarding charges, books and computer etc., for the selected students. The parents / guardian's annual income limit for this scheme does not exceed Rs.2.00 lakhs.

Sl. No.	Courses	Adi Dravidar Students	Tribal Students
1.	Engineering	30	15
2.	Medical	10	5
3.	Management	10	5
4.	Aeronautics	5	5
TOTAL		55	30

Thus 85 students availed the scholarship directly from Government of India through the college they are studying.

16. Distribution of Free Slates

Every year, plastic slates are distributed to all students, free of cost studying in 1st Standard in the schools run by this Department. A sum of Rs.2.64 lakhs was spent for this scheme during the year 2008-09.

During the year 2009-10, the scheme will also be continued.

17. Scheme of Supply of Free Text Books and Note Books

Free Text Books are supplied to all the students studying in 1 to 12th Standard in General schools and Adi Dravidar Welfare and GTR schools.

Free Note books are supplied to all the students studying in III to X Standards in Adi Dravidar and Tribal Residential Schools by Adi Dravidar Welfare Department. The Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department also supply free note books for Adi Dravidar / Tribes students studying in IV to X Standard in General Schools. During 2008-09 a sum of Rs.500.00 lakhs was incurred. A sum of Rs.1000.00 lakhs was incurred.

During the year 2009 -10, a sum of Rs.500 lakhs has been allocated for the students studying in Adi Dravidar /Tribal schools and Rs.1000.00 lakhs for the Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity students who are studying in general schools.

18. Scheme of Supply of Free Uniforms

Two sets of free uniforms are given every year to all students studying from Standards I to XII in Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Schools and to all students residing in Adi Dravidar and Tribal Hostels.

A total of 2,91,542 students have been benefited in the year 2008-09 at a cost of Rs.1546.75 lakhs.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.1600.00 lakhs has been provided for the scheme.

19. Scheme of Supply of Magazines to Schools and Hostels

To prepare the Adi Dravidar and Tribal candidates to pursue IAS / IPS examinations and other Higher Level Government Recruitment Examinations, the Government have for the first time issued orders for supply of Books and Magazines on General Knowledge like "Competition Success Review" to all Adi Dravidar High / Higher Secondary Schools and Hostels from the year 2006-07 onwards. Under this scheme, a sum of Rs.14.55 lakhs was provided during 2008-09 and entire amount was spent for this scheme.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.10.97 lakhs has been provided for the scheme.

20. Supply of Free Bicycles Scheme

Students studying in +1 and +2 in Government / Government Aided Higher Secondary Schools, Partly Aided Schools (self financing) are provided with free bicycles. A sum of Rs.1699.10 lakhs has been provided for supply of bicycles for the benefit of 68162 Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity Boys and Rs.1871.74 lakhs has been provided for 78,359 Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity Girls for the year 2008-09. Out of this, a sum of Rs.1699.10 lakhs was spent for boys and a sum of Rs.1871.34 lakhs, for girls for this scheme.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs. 1488.76 lakhs for girls and Rs.1380.53 lakhs for boys has been provided for this scheme.

21. Computer Education in High / Higher Secondary Schools

Out of 77 Higher Secondary Schools run by this Department, Computer Science education has been introduced in 74 Higher Secondary Schools. This scheme will be extended in the remaining schools during the current year.

22. Admission of Boys / Girls in Reputed Schools for those who have scored higher marks in X std.

With the view to help Adi Dravidar and Tribal students to appear for the All India Level Examinations and to improve their educational standard, 10 outstanding students from each district, who have secured highest marks in X standard in Government / Corporation / Municipal / Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare schools are selected and admitted in the reputed private schools. For this, the parents / guardian income limit is Rs.1.00 lakh per annum. In the year 2008-09, 310 students were admitted in the reputed schools in +1 Std and 297 students have been admitted in +2. All the students have passed with good marks.

The scheme will continue in 2009-10 also for 320 students in Plus 1 and 310 students in Plus 2. A sum of Rs.173.60 lakhs has been provided for this scheme.

23. Admission of Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar Converted to Christianity students in VI Std in reputed schools.

Government have formulated a unique scheme of admitting the bright students from Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar Converted to Christianity students studying in 5th Std in Government / Government Aided / Adi Dravidar Welfare

Schools in the reputed residential schools in 6th Std and to allow them to continue their studies till 12th Std. thereby meeting the entire expenses by Government. Under this scheme a special test is conducted for the 385 Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar Converted to Christianity students studying in 5th Std in Adi Dravidar Welfare / Government Tribal Residential Schools / Government Schools and Aided Schools and those who score high marks have been selected on the basis of one student from each block and admitted in the reputed schools.

A sum of Rs.101.00 lakhs has been spent for this scheme for the year 2008-09. The above amount was sanctioned under Special State Assistance Scheme.

The Scheme will be continued during the year 2009–10.

24. Hostels

Hostel facilities are provided for rural Adi Dravidar and Tribal students to enable them to continue their education. The details of the Hostels functioning under Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department are as follows:-

Classification of Hostels	No. of Hostels	No. of Students	Hostels functioning in Govt. Buildings	Hostels functioning in rented Buildings
Adi Dravidar Welfare Hostels	1,229	84,886	1,044	185
Tribal Hostels	40	2,135	27	13
TOTAL	1,269	87,021	1,071	198

From the year 2007-08, the Government have issued orders for supply of bed sheets once in two years to the boarders staying in Adi Dravidar / Tribal hostels and GTR Schools.

25. In-Service Training to all Secondary Grade Teachers

This department has initiated action to improve the standard of teachers with the help of facilities available under the "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan" (Education for All) programme by School Education Department.

26. Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCSP)

In Tamil Nadu, the Scheduled Castes Sub Plan is being implemented since 1980-81. The basic objective of this Sub-plan is to channelise the flow of outlays and benefits from the general sectors in the Plan of States for the development of Scheduled Castes people atleast in proportion to their population both in physical and financial terms. As the percentage of population of Scheduled Castes in the State is 19%, it is expected that flow of 19% of outlays from the total plan outlays of the State need to be utilized for the upliftment of the Scheduled Castes.

During the year 2009-10, the State Annual Plan outlay is Rs.17,500 crore. Out of which Rs.2615.44 crore has been allocated under the minor head 789 for divisible schemes and an amount of Rs.1759.56 crore has been earmarked for indivisible schemes, totally a sum of Rs.4375.00 crore (25%) has been fixed as target.

The Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department has been designed as the Nodal Department and its Secretary is the Nodal Officer for formulation and implementation of SCSP. The Heads of the Departments of Adi Dravidar Welfare and Tribal Welfare Departments have been designated as Monitoring Officers to monitor and review the schemes under SCSP at district level.

The details of flow and expenditure under Scheduled Castes Sub Plan for the years 2005-06 to 2008-09 are given below:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	State Plan outlay	Target o SCSP	Expenditure		Expr. % to Annual Plan outlay	
			Divisible	Indivisible	Total	
2005-06	9,10,000.00	2,10,455.00	55,481.74	1,18,203.08	1,73,684.82	19.09%
2006-07	12,50,000.00	3,11,785.43	1,24,368.65	1,21,935.27	2,46,303.92	19.70%
2007-08	14,00,000.00	3,35,688.80	1,68,159.08	1,22,202.81	2,90,361.89	20.74%
2008-09	16,00,000.00	4,17,830.94	2,26,736.79	1,07,246.51	3,33,983.30 (Provisional)	20.87%

27. Economic Development Schemes

(a) Special Central Assistance

Under this scheme, the Government of India are releasing Special Central Assistance every year for the economic development of Scheduled Castes. This is

an addition to the flow of funds over and above the funds provided by the State Government. This fund is fully released to Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation for the implementation of economic development schemes.

The funds are utilized for Land Purchase Scheme, Financial Assistance to individual beneficiaries, Economic Assistance to Women Self Help Groups including Revolving Fund, Self Employment Programme for youth (SEPY), Collector's Discretionary Fund, Vocational Training Programmes to self help group members. Industrial House keeping, knit wear based training etc. and also Financial Assistance to candidates who have passed Civil Services Preliminary Examination prior to main examination are included. The above schemes have been implemented during 2008 – 09 through TAHDCO.

The Details of funds allotted / utilized under the schemes during the period 2005-06 to 2008-09 are as follows :-

Year	SCA released by GOI (Rs. in lakhs)	SCA Utilised (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of Beneficiaries
2005 – 06	4306.62	4306.62	1,54,040
2006 – 07	4482.57	4482.57	1,17,438
2007 – 08	4897.99	4897.99	1,19,744
2008 – 09	6002.81	4022.41	68,464

(b) Special State Assistance

The Government of India release every year about Rs. 50.00 crore towards Special Central Assistance to the Government of Tamil Nadu for the economic development of Hindu Adi Dravidars. In order to extend the benefits now availed by the Hindu Adi Dravidar, the State Government have introduced a "Special State Assistance Scheme" from the year 2006-07 onwards to the Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity. For this scheme, a sum of Rs.25.00 crore has been allocated for the year 2008-09 and various training programmes are implemented for Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar Converted to Christianity by TAHDCO.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.25.00 crore has been provided for this scheme.

28. (a) Hill Area Development Programme (HADP) Scheme for Welfare of Scheduled Castes

For the Welfare of Scheduled Castes in the Nilgiris District, the Hill Area Development Programme is being implemented by the Government through Planning Development and Special Initiatives Department. A sum of Rs.531.80 lakhs has been allocated for the above scheme during the year 2008-09. The details of the scheme for the welfare of Scheduled Castes under Hill Area Development Programme are as follows :-

Construction of Community Hall, construction of Low Cost Group Houses, construction of Check Dams, Drinking Water facilities in the Watershed areas, Provision of Toilet facilities in Scheduled Castes Colonies, improvement of roads are being implemented in the priority watershed areas. Schemes such as provision of Foot Path, construction of Drains, improvement of Roads etc. are being implemented in the Non-priority watershed areas.

This programme will be continued during 2009–10 also.

(b) Western Ghat Development Programme for Scheduled Castes

Under the Western Ghat Development Programme for Scheduled Castes a sum of Rs.60.00 lakhs has been allocated during 2008-09 for the implementation of schemes like construction of Toilet facilities to the Adi Dravidar Welfare Boys' Hostels, Repair and Maintenance to the Adi Dravidar Welfare Girls' Hostels / Schools, providing cots / Bunk beds to the Adi Dravidar Welfare Government Girls Hostel, Construction of Group Houses in Bosmanden Valasu Adi Dravidar Welfare colony, construction of Compound wall, Bore well and motor to Hostels, approach road to hostel, cement road and Drainage to Adi Dravidar colonies, laying new weathering course to hostels in Coimbatore, Erode, Dindigul, Theni, Madurai, Virudhunagar, Thirunelveli and Kanniyakumari districts. An amount of Rs. 51.00 lakhs has been spent so far.

During the year 2009-10 this programme will be continued.

29. Free House site pattas to Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes and provision of basic amenities to their habitations

Under this scheme, free house site pattas are issued to the homeless Adi Dravidar / Tribal beneficiaries. The land for this purpose is acquired through private

negotiation and also under the Tamil Nadu Acquisition of Land for Harijan Welfare Schemes Act, 1978 (Tamil Nadu Act 31 of 1978) and free house site pattas are issued to eligible persons. The annual income limit for beneficiaries under this scheme is fixed at Rs.16,000/- in rural areas and Rs.24,000/- in urban areas.

Under this scheme, Rs.1154.81 lakhs has been provided for the year 2008-09 for providing house site pattas.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.1157.30 lakhs has been provided for this scheme.

30. Infrastructure facilities to Adi Dravidar Welfare / Tribal Welfare High / Higher Secondary Schools through NABARD

A sum of Rs.5014.00 lakhs was sanctioned through NABARD for providing infrastructure facilities in 132 Adi Dravidar Welfare / Tribal Welfare High / Higher Secondary Schools and the works are under progress.

31. Providing Infrastructure facilities in Adi Dravidar Colonies by NABARD

In order to provide basic infrastructure facilities like connectivity to main road, drainage, street lights, drinking water and other basic requirements of Adi Dravidar / Tribal habitations with the loan assistance of NABARD, the State Government have accorded administrative sanction for the project of Comprehensive Development of Infrastructure in 249 Adi-draavidar and Tribal Habitations at a cost of Rs.110.87 crore. For this purpose, a sum of Rs.50.00 crore was sanctioned during the year 2008-09. The balance amount of Rs.60.87 crore will be sanctioned during 2009-10. The above said 249 Adi-draavidar / Tribal habitations will be provided with link road, internal cement road, drinking water, drainage, multipurpose centre, thrashing yard etc.

During the year 2009-10 a sum of Rs.60.87 lakhs has been provided for this purpose.

32. Community Halls

Community Halls are required to conduct various social functions such as festivals, meetings and marriages. The Government are therefore, implementing the scheme of constructing Community Halls in Adi Dravidar habitations. For the year 2008-09, Government have ordered for construction of 10 Community Halls at an

estimated cost of Rs.100.00 lakhs by utilizing the budget provision of Rs.14.00 lakhs and the Special Central Assistance of Rs.86.00 lakhs released for 2008-09.

This scheme will be continued during the year 2009-10.

33. Burial Grounds and Pathways

The Government are providing burial grounds and pathways to burial grounds to Adi Dravidar habitations. Funds are provided for acquiring and purchasing of land for this purpose. Panchayat Unions are also providing basic amenities to Adi Dravidar habitations from their own funds. For this purpose, 15% of the cost for drinking water facility and 10% for link roads is given as share of this Department.

During the year 2008-09, a sum of Rs.72.94 lakhs was provided in the Budget Estimate. Out of this, Rs.37.89 lakhs was spent for this scheme.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.72.94 lakhs has been provided for the scheme.

34. Financial Assistance for Funeral Rites

Financial assistance to the tune of Rs.500/- is given to Adi Dravidar, Adi Dravidar Converted to Christianity and Tribal families to meet the expenditure connected with funeral rites for the death of a member of their family. The income limit under this scheme is Rs.24,000/- per annum. For the year 2008-09, a sum of Rs.283.26 lakhs was provided and the entire amount was spent.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.283.26 lakhs has been provided for the scheme.

35. Community Certificates

The Community Certificates were issued to Adi Dravidars and Tribes by the Tahsildars concerned. From 11.11.1989 onwards, the power to issue community certificates to Tribes only has been delegated to the Revenue Divisional Officers concerned. Admission in educational institutions or appointment in Public Services are obtained by the individuals belonging to other communities by producing false community certificates. This practice affects the genuine Adi Dravidar and Tribal candidates and they are deprived of their Constitutional Rights. It is, therefore,

necessary that the genuineness of the certificates so produced are to be scrutinized properly. For this purpose, as advised by the Apex Court, the Government have constituted committees at District level and State level. An Anthropologist has also been included in the Committees. The genuineness of community certificates issued by the Tahsildars and Revenue Divisional Officers are verified by the above committees.

36. Protection of Civil Rights

(a) Removal of Untouchability

The Government are taking all steps to abolish untouchability and to prevent atrocities against Adi Dravidar and Tribes. For this, the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 (PCR) and The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 have been enacted and are being implemented effectively in the State. The Human Rights and Social Justice wing is functioning for this purpose, under the control of the Inspector General of Police (Social Justice and Human Rights). Further, four Special Sessions Court are functioning at Thanjavur, Tiruchirappalli, Madurai and Tirunelveli districts for adjudicating the cases under these Acts. In all other districts, Sessions Court is empowered to try these cases. For granting financial assistance to Adi Dravidar and Tribes affected due to communal riots, a sum of Rs.154.28 lakhs was incurred for 1301 persons out of Rs.225.00 lakhs provided for the purpose during the year 2008 – 09.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.225.00 lakhs has been provided for the scheme.

(b) Campaign for the Removal of Untouchability

The public are made aware of the evils of untouchability. To create awareness among the public, feature films are screened in the villages.

"Manitha Neyya Vara Vizha" is celebrated in all the districts from 24th to 30th January every year. The public are made to realize their responsibility to maintain peace and harmony. Villuppattu Kuzhu artists are engaged for performing this kind of programmes.

Besides this, Community feasts are arranged every year on 26th January, 15th August, 2nd October or on any other local important day in the district. Further publicity wings one each in Tiruchirappalli and in Chennai are functioning to campaign the removal of untouchability.

During the year 2008-09, a sum of Rs.40.49 lakhs was provided for this scheme. Out of this amount a sum of Rs. 35.22 lakhs was incurred.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.40.80 lakhs has been provided for this scheme.

(c) Select Village Scheme

Under the Select Village Scheme, one village in each district, where untouchability is not practiced and people live in harmony is chosen. A sum of Rupees one lakh is given to those villages. This fund will be utilised for the improvement of the basic needs of the chosen villages. A sum of Rs.29.00 lakhs was provided for 2008 – 09.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.30.01 lakhs has been provided for the scheme.

(d) Implementation of Mass Awareness Campaign

Mass Awareness Campaign is being implemented to create awareness among the various sections of the society to eradicate prevalence of untouchability in the villages of Tamil Nadu. The following are the objectives of Mass Awareness Campaign :-

1. To highlight on how the Acts and Rules (Prevention of Atrocity) are effectively enforced by the police.
2. To promote confidence among the members of Adi Dravidar / Tribes.
3. To sensitize the society on eradication of untouchability and atrocities against the members of Adi Dravidar and Tribes.
4. To promote harmony among the non-Adi Dravidar and Adi Dravidar / Tribes.
5. To create awareness on the nature of offences and its gravity to the non Adi Dravidar / Tribal people.

The Mass Awareness Campaign is conducted in all the Districts and in all Village Panchayats at an expenditure of Rs.70.00 lakhs. The expenditure is shared by the Central and State Government on 50 : 50 basis.

Mass Awareness Campaign – Social Justice Tea Parties have been conducted in 11667 villages across the State. There are still 26187 villages to be covered. The message of the Mass Awareness Campaign has reached directly to about 6 lakh people so far.

This scheme will also be continued during the year 2009-10.

37. Adi Dravidar and Tribal Activities Foundation

To encourage the creative expression of art, culture, literature and also to support research on Adi Dravidar and Tribes, "Adi Dravidar and Tribal Activities Foundation" was formed. A Corpus Fund of Rs.50.00 lakhs was sanctioned and kept in fixed deposits. The Government have given Rs.20,000/- per person for literary and artistic works of excellence to 10 Adi Dravidar / Tribal / Adi Dravidar Converted to Christianity writers for publishing their works every year and also for one non-Adi Dravidar writer who desires to publish good articles about the Adi Dravidar. During the year 2008-09, 11 best writers were selected.

This scheme will be also continued during the year 2009–10.

38. Abolition of Bonded Labour

The Government have determined to eradicate the Bonded Labour System in this State. Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act was enacted in 1976. This Act is being implemented in Tamil Nadu since its inception. The Government is committed not only for releasing the persons held in bondage but also to rehabilitate them. District level committees have been formed under the Chairmanship of the respective District Collectors, to ensure the effective implementation of the Act in the Districts. At State level, a High Level Monitoring Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary. From 1976 to till date 13,954 Bonded Labourers have been released and rehabilitated at an expenditure of Rs.17.36 crore.

During this year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.110.00 lakhs has been provided for this scheme.

Re-survey of Bonded Labour

The Government have ordered to undertake the resurvey of the existence of bonded labourers in all the Districts in Tamil Nadu at an expenditure of Rs.60.00 lakhs with the financial assistance of the Government of India. A sum of Rs.15.00 lakhs has been sanctioned for creating awareness generation activities and evaluatory studies in five districts viz. Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur, Vellore, Salem and Coimbatore. Both the works are in progress.

II. TRIBAL WELFARE

Tribal Development is necessary to seek social justice and thus to improve their socio-economic and educational standard to bring them with the level of other forward sections of the society. Hence, a separate Directorate is functioning exclusively for the Welfare of Tribes from April 2000. The Directorate pays special attention to the Districts where Scheduled Tribes' concentration is high. Out of the 36 Tribal communities in the State, 6 Tribal Communities (i.e.) Toda, Kota, Kurumbas, Irular, Paniyan and Kattunayakan have been identified as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PTGs). The other Tribals are living in scattered manner in all areas and they are classified as Dispersed Tribes. The areas where the population of Scheduled Tribes exceeds 50% of the total population is designated as "Integrated Tribal Development Programme" areas, which exists in 7 districts viz., Salem, Namakkal, Villupuram, Thiruvannamalai, Tiruchirapalli, Dhamapuri and Vellore.

1. Tribal Sub Plan (TSP)

The Government of Tamil Nadu have adopted the Tribal Sub Plan concept to improve the Socio Economic conditions of the Tribes since 1976-77. The basic objective of this plan is to ensure the flow of fund allotted for TSP from the State Annual Plan outlay atleast in proportion to the tribal population for their development. As per 2001 census, Tribal population in Tamil Nadu is 6.51 lakh. (1.04% of the

State's total population). Tribal Sub Plan is implemented through 21 Sectoral Departments. The schemes under Tribal Sub Plan are implemented as divisible and indivisible from 10th Five Year Plan period onwards. Nodal Officers are appointed in all Sectoral Departments to monitor the schemes implemented under Tribal Sub Plan.

During the year 2009-10, the State Annual Plan outlay is Rs.17,500 crore, out of which, an amount of Rs.33.62 crore has been allocated under the minor head 796 for divisible schemes and Rs.316.38 crore has been earmarked for indivisible schemes, totally a sum of Rs.350.00 crore (2%) has been fixed as target.

The Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department has been designated as the Nodal Department and its Secretary is the Nodal Officer for formulation and implementation of TSP. The Heads of the Departments of Adi Dravidar Welfare and Tribal Welfare have been designated as Monitoring Officers to monitor and review the schemes under TSP at district level.

The amount incurred for the Tribal Sub Plan during the years from 2005-06 to 2008 – 09 :-

Year	State Plan Outlay	Target to TSP	(Rs. in lakhs)			Expr. % Annual Outlay
			Expenditure			
			Divisible	Indivisible	Total	
2005-06	910000.00	16728.94	2452.97	7730.37	10183.34	1.12%
2006-07	1250000.00	22567.64	2458.33	10713.18	13171.51	1.05%
2007-08	1400000.00	26386.11	3367.67	20721.41	24089.08	1.72%
2008-09	1600000.00	34216.88	3345.03	16596.70	19941.73 (Provisional)	1.25%

2. Basic Infrastructure for Tribal Areas

(a) Housing Scheme

Housing Schemes are implemented by the Government in order to improve the standard of living of the Tribes, living in hill areas as well as in plains. Every year houses are constructed at the rate of Rs.55,000/- per house in the plain area and Rs.58,500/- per house in the hill and hard surfaced area. The entire cost of this

scheme is borne by the Government. During the year 2008-09 a sum of Rs.16.80 lakh was allotted for construction of 28 houses.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.16.80 lakhs has been provided for the scheme.

(b) Provision of drinking water supply

In tribal areas, where there is no drinking water facility available, drinking water provision is made. Every year funds are allocated for this purpose. The scheme was continued during 2008-09 with allocation of Rs.32.00 lakhs for provision of drinking water facilities in 6 tribal habitations in the Integrated Tribal Development Programme areas in 2 Districts (Tiruchirappalli and Namakkal).

During the year 2009-10 a sum of Rs.32.00 lakhs has been provided for the scheme.

(c) Economic Development

LAMP Co-operative Societies have been formed to enable the Tribes to market their products and also to provide short and medium term credits and to supply essential consumer articles to the Tribes at fair prices. There are 19 such societies functioning in Tamil Nadu.

One Special Vocational Guidance Centre is functioning at Uthagamandalam, in The Nilgiris District to guide the Tribes for getting employment opportunities.

For the benefit of Tribes, 25 Primary Health Centers, 76 Health Sub Centers, 7 Siddha Hospitals, 5 Government Dispensaries and 1 Siddha Mobile Unit are functioning in the Tribal area.

(d) Family – oriented Income Generating Schemes

Programmes for the economic development of Particularly Vulnerable and Dispersed Tribes have been charted out and Sheep units and milch animals are being distributed to the Tribes. A sum of Rs.10.12 lakhs was provided in the Budget Estimate for the year 2008-09 and Rs.10.11 lakhs was spent for this scheme, towards the distribution of 59 sheep units and 32 milch animals in Theni, Dharmapuri, Trichy, Kanyakumari, Madurai, Dindigul and Salem districts for the benefit of the Dispersed Tribes.

During the year 2009-10, a sum of Rs.10.12 lakhs has been provided for this scheme.

(e) Centrally Sponsored Schemes

The following Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implemented in Tribal Areas:-

(i) The Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub Plan

Under this scheme, funds are being provided primarily for income generating projects and a part of it (not more than 30%) for provision of infrastructure facilities. During the year 2008-09 the Government of India released a sum of Rs.469.00 lakhs for the implementation of the scheme.

During the year 2009-10 a sum of Rs.530.00 lakhs has been provided for the scheme.

(ii) Grants under Article 275 (1) of Constitution of India

1. Under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution of India, infrastructure facilities in Tribal areas are taken up from the funds, released by Government of India. The Government of India have released a sum of Rs.291.39 lakh during 2008-09.
2. The fund is being utilised towards the recurring expenses of Eklavya Model Residential Schools at Abinavam in Salem District and Vellimalai in Villupuram District and for implementation of Forest Rights Act, 2006 and provision of basic amenities.
3. The Eklavya Model Residential School which was functioning in a rented building in Salem, will function from 2009–10 academic year in the Government building at Abinavam.
4. Proposals have been sent to Government of India to start two more Eklavya Model Residential Schools one each at Tiruvannamalai and Namakkal Districts.
5. In 2009 examinations, students studying in X and XII in the Eklavya Model Residential School at Vellimalai, Villupuram District have passed with good percentage of marks.
6. A sum of Rs.331.74 lakhs has been provided in the B.E. 2009-10.

(iii) Central Sector Scheme for Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PTGs)

For the development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PTGs), the Government of India are sanctioning grant-in-aid every year.

During the year 2008-09, the Government of India have released a sum of Rs.673.07 lakhs for the schemes i.e. construction of houses, supply of sheep units, milch animals, provision of drinking water facilities and street lights etc.

During the year a sum of Rs.673.08 lakhs has been allocated for the scheme.

(iv) Tribal Research Centre and Tribal Museum

A Tribal Museum was set up in the Tribal Research Centre at M. Palada in the Nilgiris District in 1996. The activities of Tribal Research Centre are to conduct research on the life style of tribes, their religion, traditions & culture etc.

(v) Janashree Bima Yojana

Considering the high death rate among the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PTGs), an insurance scheme has been specially designed and is being implemented for those who are below the poverty line in the age group of 18 to 58 years in order to provide social security to such people. The children of the policy holders studying in 9th to 12th standard are awarded scholarship of Rs.1,200/- annually to each students.

The details of the Insurance benefits under JBY are furnished below:-

1. Natural death Rs.30,000/-
2. Death due to accident, Rs.75,000/-
3. Total permanent disability due to accident, Rs.75,000/-
4. Permanent disability due to accident, Rs.37,500/-

3. Other Schemes for Tribes

(a) Tamil Nadu Tribal Welfare Board

The Tamil Nadu Tribal Welfare Board has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Minister for Adi-Dravidar Welfare from 20.4.2007 for the overall development of the Tribes in the fields of Education and Economic Development and Social Welfare. 8 Officials and 13 Non-Officials have been nominated as members.

As on 31.3.09, 6060 Tribal families have been enrolled as members of this Board. During the year 2007-08, a sum of Rs.1.00 crore was allotted for extending various financial assistance to the members and so far 107 families are benefited under this scheme.

During the year a sum of Rs.1.00 crore has been provided for the scheme.

(b) Tamil Nadu Tribal Advisory Council

The Tamil Nadu Tribal Advisory Council has been reconstituted with effect from 25.10.2007 under the Chairmanship of the Minister for Adi-Dravidar Welfare. This Council consists of 2 Official members, 3 Special Official Invitees, 3 M.L.As and 12 Non-official members belonging to the Tribal communities and 2 non-Tribes as Non-official members.

(c) Tribal Self Help Groups

Emphasis is laid on Self Help Groups to empower tribal women. So far 3899 Self Help Groups have been formed enrolling 60630 members with a saving amount of Rs.2401.13 lakh as on 31.03.2009. Their activities include processing of tea leaves, making of toys, coir making and embroidery works etc.

(d) Hill Area Development Programme (HADP) Scheme for the Welfare of Scheduled Tribes

For the Welfare of Tribes in the Nilgiris District, the Hill Area Development Programme is being implemented by the Government through Planning, Development and Special Initiative Department. A sum of Rs.267.50 lakhs has been allocated for this scheme for the year 2008-09.

Under this scheme, various works like construction of Houses for tribes, Construction of Kitchen Store room, dining hall, Classroom separation wall, Compound wall and other infrastructure facilities to Government Tribal Residential Schools, digging of drinking water wells, Pump room, Provision of health facilities in tribal areas are being undertaken.

During the year 2009-10, this programme will be continued.

(e) Western Ghats Development Programme for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes

For the Welfare of Scheduled Tribes, Western Ghats Development Programme is being implemented by the Government through Planning Development and Special Initiative Department in the districts viz., Virudhunagar, Theni, Tirunelveli, Kanyakumari, Coimbatore, Dindigul and Madurai. During the year 2008 – 09, a sum of Rs.75.90 lakh has been allocated for the implementation of Tribal welfare schemes like construction of Compound Wall, maintenance of Class room, Construction of separation wall in Kitchen, Class room, Supply of sheep units, provision of cement roads and link roads, Solar Lights and water supply, maintenance of Science Labs in Coimbatore, Dindugul, Theni, Madurai, Virudhunagar, Tirunelveli and Kanniyakumari Districts. An amount of Rs.50.59 lakhs has been spent so far. The works are under progress.

During the year 2009-10 this programme will be continued.

(f) Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) Project

The Project is implemented in 3 districts of the State i.e. The Nilgiris, Thiruvallur and Kancheepuram since 1999 through the concerned Deputy Director of Health Services.

The aim of the project is to improve health care among Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PTGs). This project is being implemented by the ICMR, New Delhi in collaboration with WHO. The Director, Tribal Research Centre, Uthagamandalam is the Co-ordinator of the project at the State level. The PTGs like Toda, Kota, Irular, Kurumbas, Paniyan and Kattunayakan are benefited under this scheme.

Every year refresher course is being conducted for the Tribal Welfare Volunteers for 10 days and to Tribal Maternity Assistants for 3 days. One tribal volunteer and one maternity assistant have been selected for every 400 to 500 tribes. In these 3 districts, there are 120 volunteers and 120 maternity assistants who are helping tribal people to know about their health care.

The 25 Primary Health Centers and 25 Government hospitals in these districts are rendering guidance and advice to the tribal patients in a friendly manner with the support of Tribal Advisors.

PART II SCHEMES - 2008-2009

During the year 2008–09, the following Part-II Schemes were implemented at cost of Rs.515.93 lakhs.

Sl. No.	Subject	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	Action Taken Report
1.	Upgradation of 8 Adi Dravidar Welfare Middle Schools into High Schools.	267.52	8 Adi Dravidar Welfare Middle Schools have been upgraded as High Schools at an expenditure of Rs.267.52 lakhs.
2.	Opening of new Adi Dravidar Welfare College girls hostel at Sathur in Virudhunagar District.	10.99	Hostel has been opened at an expenditure of Rs.10.99 and is functioning from February 2009.
3.	Provision of Xerox machine & fax machines to all District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer's office.	41.10	Xerox Machines and Fax Machines have been purchased in all the Offices of the District Adi Dravidar Welfare Officer at a total cost of Rs.41.10 lakhs.
4.	Upgradation of 3 Government Tribal Residential Middle Schools into High Schools.	100.32	3 Middle Schools have been upgraded into High Schools at an expenditure of Rs.100.32 lakhs and they are functioning.
5.	Construction of Lab Building to 6 Government Tribal Residential Higher Secondary Schools.	96.00	Construction of 5 Lab Buildings is under progress.
TOTAL		515.93	---

For the year 2009–10, the Government have provided Rs.5.00 crore to implement 16 new schemes under Part-II Schemes.

III. TAMILNADU ADI DRAVIDAR HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TAHDCO)

Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar Housing and Development Corporation was formed for the economic development of Adi Dravidars and Tribes in Tamil Nadu and has been functioning since 1974. This Corporation under the administrative control of the Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department is performing the following two major activities continuously.

1. Implementation of Economic Development schemes.
2. Execution of construction works.

The Development Wing of the Corporation is implementing welfare schemes by formulating need based economic development schemes for the economic development of Adi Dravidars and Tribes. The Technical Wing of the Corporation is executing the construction works such as hostel buildings for boys / girls, school buildings, science laboratories, teachers' quarters and community halls etc.,

I. Action Plan of TAHDCO for the year 2008-09

During 2008-09, TAHDCO had prepared State Action Plan for Rs.85.00 crore, expecting Rs.60.00 crore from the Centre as Special Central Assistance (SCA to SCSP) and Rs.25.00 crore from the State as Special State Assistance to implement various economic development activities.

1. Special Central Assistance

Though a sum of Rs.60.00 crore has been received from the Government of India towards Special Central Assistance (SCA to SCSP), a sum of Rs.40.22 crore alone has been released by the Government of Tamil Nadu due to General Election 2009 and election code of conduct. Out of this, a sum of Rs.4.02 crore, i.e., 10% has been released to Director of Adi Dravidar Welfare to provide infrastructure facilities to Adi Dravidar Schools/ Hostels and to Adi Dravidar habitations. Hence, a sum of Rs.36.20 crore has been released to TAHDCO and the entire amount has been spent for the implementation of the following schemes :-

(a) Collectors' Discretionary Fund

Under this scheme, 2612 beneficiaries were given assistance.

(b) Economic Assistance to Women Self Help Groups

12,752 Self Help Group members have been given Economic assistance.

(c) Land Purchase Scheme

Under this scheme, 1012 Landless women beneficiaries were given financial assistance for purchase of lands.

(d) Financial Assistance to Individuals

Under financial assistance to Individuals scheme, 5814 beneficiaries were given financial assistance.

(e) Self Employment Programme for Youth

Under this scheme, 804 youth were provided with financial assistance.

(f) Financial Assistance to Law Graduates

Under this scheme, 355 Law Graduates were given financial assistance for purchase of Law Books, setting up of Office etc.

(g) New and innovative programme of providing financial assistance to candidates to prepare for the Civil Services Main Examination.

To enable the candidates who passed the Civil Services Preliminary Examination, financial assistance has been given to 144 Adi Dravidar Candidates for preparing for Main Examination.

During the year 2009-10, an amount of Rs.60.00 crore is expected from Government of India for this scheme.

2. Special State Assistance

Under this scheme, in addition to Adi Dravidar, Tribes and Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity are also benefitted. The State Government is providing Rs.25.00 crore for this scheme. For the last 3 years, the Adi Dravidar converted to Christianity are given financial assistance and job oriented training on par with Adi Dravidar / Tribes.

Air Hostess training, Cabin Crew Training, Fashion Designing and Apparel Manufacturing Training, Plastic Products Manufacturing and Designing Training were given at the State Level. In order to generate self-employment, training on Computer

Software and Hardware, Food Production and Processing, English Speaking Course (with course material), Maritime Education, Air-Conditioning and Diesel Mechanic Training, JCB Pocklin Driving, Heavy Vehicles Driving etc., were given at District Level.

During the year 2009 – 10, a sum of Rs.25.00 crore is allocated for the training programmes.

3. National Scheme for Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers

The aim of the scheme is to rehabilitate the scavengers and their dependents from the obnoxious and inhuman occupation. This inhuman vocation includes cleaning of roads, cleaning of dry latrines & septic tanks and removing of blocks in drainage etc.,

The rehabilitation package to the scavengers and their dependents includes providing financial assistance for purchase of autos, transport vehicles, establishment of cycle shop, vegetable shops, medical shop etc. As per the directions of the Government of India, the scheme is implemented as “Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers” during the year 2008-09, 38,777 scavengers and their dependents were rehabilitated till 2008-09 at a cost of Rs.43.19 crore.

Under NSLRS Scheme, TAHDCO is having an unspent amount of Rs.30.55 crore. Proposals have been sent to Government of India to utilising the above amount available with TAHDCO for providing infrastructure facilities to the scavengers.

Further till 2008-09, 17,571 scavengers and their dependents were given training with stipend to establish self employment ventures.

4. Tamil Nadu Scavenger Welfare Board

To improve the socio-economic and educational development of scavengers, this Board was established on 11.6.2007 under the Chairpersonship of Minister for Adi Dravidar Welfare with 13 Official and 12 Non – official members. The Government have sanctioned Rs.1.00 crore during 2008-09 for providing financial assistance for various welfare schemes to the members of the Scavenger Welfare Board.

Till 31.5.2009, 31587 members have enrolled and 913 persons were benefited upto 31.3.2009.

During the year 2009–10 also, a sum of Rs.1.00 crore has been allocated.

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