

Chapter IV Educational Development of Scheduled Tribes

1. In order to strengthen the existing Educational infrastructure a Committee has been set up at Village Block and District level to undertake planning and supervision of schools. However Tribal Council and Educational Officers of their respective area have been entrusted to regulate the Educational Institutions.
2. The following incentives are provided to the tribal learners for increasing enrolment and retaining them in school.
 - (a) Rice @ 3 kg per child per month for students of Primary Classes (Mid Day Meals)
 - (b) Free travel/Concession by bus and boat for attending schools beyond 4 Km from the habitations.
 - (c) Snacks to children of Class VI-VIII @ 75 paise per days per child.
 - (d) Attendance Scholarship to Tribal Children at the rate of Rs. 10/- per month for boys and 15 for Girls upto class VIII.
 - (e) Free Uniform & textbooks to the children of BPL families *and to all Tribal students.*
3. The dropout rate in this UT is very less as compared to National Average. However this Administration has taken all necessary steps for improving the drop out rates, especially in the elementary stages by opening more schools, recruiting more teachers, providing various incentives and quality Education with expert training mechanism available with the existing SIE, TTI and Directorate. To reduce dropouts among the Tribal students administration is providing incentives such as free uniforms, Text Books ~~are provided~~ to all Tribal Students besides monetary benefits ie attendance scholarship, post matric scholarship etc.

The facilities for Primary Education within 1 KM radius having population of 150 or more and habitations with less than 150 is to be provided Non Formal Education centres. Such facilities being provided to all the villages in Tribal area.

4. The Gross Enrolment ratio of ST Students 1997-98 is 97.80 at Middle level.
5. No tribal habitations is left without schools and there is no shortage of building and teachers in Tribal area.
6. Scholarship money being provided to the beneficiaries. in time.
7. Assistance is rendered to the school students particularly XIIth pass and Graduates in the matter of selecting matching courses of study, Job Oriented Training Courses and other professional Courses of short term duration in these Islands.

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