

inclusions/exclusions of communities from the lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on a regular basis. The recommendations of such a body should form the basis for taking decision in this matter. As per the Constitutional provisions, the Commission should also be consulted by the Government before taking a final decision.

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CHAPTER IV. EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

- 1 As stated in the Third Report of the National Commission for SC/ST (1994-95 & 1995-96) it is reiterated that states have to strengthen the existing educational infrastructure and the states have to ensure that school atmosphere is made more conducive for education and learning by introducing new methods and innovative schemes both for children and teachers. Adequate support system will have to be introduced at work places, villages etc. so that children do not have to forgo education to provide help to mothers and enable them to earn for the family. 4.17
- 2 The State Govts/UT Admns. Should gear up their machinery and all officials and non-officials should put up co-ordinated efforts to check this wastage. All educational schemes should be formulated keeping in view the ethos of the community ensuring their maximum participation. Special incentives to the poor parents can play an important role in sending the children to the schools. 4.22
- 3 States should take steps seriously to control the dropout among Scheduled Caste children. 4.23
- 4 The enrolment ratio was 113.03% at primary level during 1995-96 but it was reduced to 50.04% at middle level. In this way the wastage at middle level is reported to be colossal. This needs to be checked immediately. 4.31
- 5 It is suggested that it should be ensured by the State Govts. that basic educational needs like school facilities, adequate teachers, school buildings, teaching materials are made available in every SC/ST habitations, specially in tribal areas. 4.39
- 6 The Commission is of the view that efforts may be taken to ensure timely disbursement of scholarship money to the beneficiaries and necessary steps may be taken to sort out various problems in the implementation of the scheme. 4.46
- 7 The Commission recommends that SC/ST students should be given concession in fees as well as reservation in special and super-specialised 4.46