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courses so that they can avail of the facility in serving in the modern technical fields.

- It was observed by the Commission that the quantum of Pre-Matric Scholarships given to SC/ST students is Rs.250 and the quantum of Post-Matric Scholarship for SC/ST students is Rs.150 in Madhya Pradesh. It is observed that the decrease in the amount of scholarship at Post-Matric level is punishment for the students who are preparing for examination. It is also suggested that the State Government should enhance the amount.
- The Commission recommends that States should get their full requirement of Non-Plan funds for Post-Matric Scholarships and Pre-Matric Scholarships to Children of Those Engaged in Unclean Occupation as a part of Finance Commission Award. If States are not able to meet the requirement from Non-Plan side the Central Govt. may continue to release funds under these schemes to protect the interest of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for their educational development.
- The Commission observed that the proposals of the States/UTs for setting of Girls Hostels are not sent to the Ministry of Welfare in time. On account of such delay, Ministry of Welfare is not able to provide matching Central Assistance in time to States/UTs. Hence, efforts should be made for timely submission of the proposals to the Ministry of Welfare to get the matching assistance in time. States/UT Admns. should take adequate steps for the proper maintenance of the hostel buildings.
- The State Govts./Universities should come forward to make use of the scheme which would ultimately increase the intake of SC/ST candidates in different services.
- It is observed that number of students passed and details regarding curriculum etc. are not being monitored in the Centres. It is also observed that the training programmes are conducted only for three months which is not enough for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students, who require extensive coaching. Since most of the beneficiaries are from rural areas in the absence of hostel facilities they find it very difficult to continue their training. Senior lecturers are also not invited for teaching the students in these centres. It is suggested that the State Govt. should analyse the results and marks of the students in detail at regular intervals and take steps to remedy the situation.
- The Commission recommends that while opening schools, under the Central Sector Scheme of Educational complex in low literacy pockets, especially, in the tribal areas specific steps are to be taken to ensure that some schools are opened in the areas where Primitive Tribal Groups are residing and that quality education is provided in these schools so that parents may be motivated to send the children to these schools.