

Overdues Pending against the SCAs :

2. Prior to incorporation of NSTFDC financial assistance by way of term loans was being provided by the NSFDC through various State Level Channelising Agencies (SCAs) for assisting the Scheduled Tribes also. These loans were repayable as per repayment schedules conveyed to the SCAs at the time of disbursement of funds. At the time of incorporation of NSTFDC, loan portfolios amounting to Rs.165.92 Crores (provisional) concerning Scheduled Tribe cases have been transferred by the NSFDC to NSTFDC and majority of overdues as on date are out of funds disbursed by the erstwhile combined Corporation. Overdues recoverable from SCAs mainly against the loans advanced by the erstwhile combined Corporation i.e., NSFDC have reached to the level of Rs. 49.04 crores as on 30/11/02. On a recent review of the status of repayments by the SCAs, it was observed that overdues pending against many of the SCAs have been mounting. Poor recovery of loans by the SCAs from the beneficiaries is on account of a variety of reasons which, inter-alia, include improper selection of the beneficiaries, inadequate follow up, and non-viability of the projects/schemes. Earlier SCAs have been receiving grants from the Central and State Governments for meeting their administrative expenses which of late has been discontinued. As a result, their financial position has been deteriorating. On account of persistent fiscal problems faced by the States/UTs, many of them are not in a position to provide budgetary support to the SCAs. Consequently, there has been a slowing down in the pace of flow of funds from NSTFDC. This situation is likely to deteriorate in the coming years