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No. 11014/9/2004-PCR (Desk) Government of India Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ***

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To

The Secretary, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development/Social Welfare All State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

Subject: Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989—Sanctioning of due central assistance during the financial year 2004-2005.

Sir/Madam;

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, 50% of the total expenditure over and above the Committed Liability is provided to the State Government by way of central assistance and that the Union Territories get 100% central assistance. The central assistance is mainly provided to support measures undertaken by them for effective implementation of the Acts which include provision of legal aid, the appointment of officers for initiating or supervising prosecution, setting up of Committees and Exclusive Special Courts, conducting periodic surveys, inter-caste marriages, identification of atrocity and untouchability prone areas, publicity and awareness generation, providing relief and rehabilitation to the victims/dependents of atrocities etc.

It is requested that it may be ensured that under the Scheme, a single consolidated proposal containing requirements of central assistance of the Department incharge of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes Development as well as the Home Department in a State/Union Territories be furnished to this Ministry only by the Nodal Department i.e. the Department incharge of Scheduled Castes Development in a State/Union Territory. It is requested that the complete proposal in the enclosed prescribed proforma for receiving due central assistance during 2004-2005 under the Scheme may please be furnished to this Ministry at the earliest and latest by 31^{st} May, 2004.

Yours faithfully,

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