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No.11014/ 3 /2006-PCR (Desk) Government of India

of Social Justice & Empowerment

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110 001; Dated: 3^{**} April, 2006.

The Secretary,

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

Subject:- Regarding proposals for due Central Assistance under the 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 during the year 2006-07.

Sir/Madam,

Under the 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, 50% of the total expenditure over and above the committed Liability is provided to the State Governments by way of central assistance and 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. In this regard it is mentioned here that in accordance with Rules 16 and 17 of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995, the State-level and District-level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees, respectively, are to be constituted and their meetings held periodically. It may, therefore, be ensured that as stipulated meetings of such Committees are held periodically.

2. It is requested that it may be ensured that under the Scheme, a single consolidated proposal containing requirements of central assistance of the Department In-charge 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 In-charge of Scheduled Castes Development in a State/Union Territory. It is requested that the complete proposal in the enclosed prescribed pro forma (Annexures A to F) along with a copy of the minutes of the latest meeting of the State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee for receiving due central assistance during 2006-07 under the Scheme may please be furnished to this Ministry at the earliest and latest by 31st May, 2006.

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Yours faithfully,

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