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assisted for taking up viable income generating activities, through a mix of institutional finance and subsidy. Guidelines of SGSY provides that credit will be the critical component and subsidy will be the only a minor and enabling element. In view of the above, relevant provisions of SGSY, may be adopted as a totality, while utilizing SCA. Amount of subsidy admissible under SGSY i.e. subject to a maximum of Rs.10,000 per beneficiary may accordingly be adopted in case of Special Central assistance. The number of SC families assisted under the Scheme and the number crossing the poverty line may be monitored and reported to the Ministry on quarterly basis.

(ii) As regards selection of SC families living below poverty line and definition of poverty line, the guidelines issued by the Planning Commission and the procedure laid down by the Ministry of Rural Development for selecting the beneficiaries through the Panchayati Raj Institutions may be adopted.

(iii) Special Central Assistance should be utilized only for the purpose specified under the guidelines and should not be diverted for any other purpose.

4. We are separately communicating dates for discussing the SCP of your State for the year 2000-01 as well as the project reports for utilisation of SCA, some time in Oct-Nov '2000. As the matter relates to welfare of Scheduled Castes, I shall be grateful to you for giving your personal attention on the matter and arrange to send the project report and SCP document at the earliest.

with regard,
Yours sincerely,

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(Signature)
(S.K.PANDA)

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19/10/2000.

Secretary,
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(As per list attached).