

	<p>(v) Attendance scholarship @ Rs. 10/- for boys and 15/- for girls per month.</p> <p>(vi) Ashram schools where boarding and lodging have been provided.</p> <p>(vii) Free travel concession.</p> <p>(viii) New scheme viz. "Enhancement of meritorious student from rural and tribal area", All these incentives will be continuing.</p>
<p>13. The Centrally sponsored scheme of coaching has been operative since the Fourth Plan. What benefits in concrete and not merely financial terms have accrued from it? How many ST students have benefited and in what manner?</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>
<p>14. Has the State availed of the Central sector scheme of up-gradation of merit of ST students started in 1997 -98? If not, why not? If yes, what benefits have been derived by ST students from remedial coaching? Please indicate in qualitative and quantitative terms.</p>	<p>No. A scheme for remedial coaching of ST students has been included under TSP funded from Special Central Assistance.</p>
<p>15. Has the state been operating book bank scheme? If so, please mention its basis. What benefits have been derived therefrom ? Please indicate findings of independent evaluation studies, if any.</p>	<p>The Centrally sponsored scheme of Book Bank was operated during the 9th Five Year Plan. The Govt. of India had released an amount of Rs.55, 000/- as grant-in-aid towards the implementation of the Book Bank Scheme, out of which an amount of Rs.45,896 was spent. Further this Administration had sent a proposal for release of an amount of Rs.85, 896/- towards Book Bank scheme during the financial year 2000-2001, but no fund was released.</p>
<p>16. What special activities are organized in your state for ST students in primary, higher secondary and colleges including professional and technical institutions? Are these facilities adequate? If not, what other facilities would you suggest?</p>	<p>The ST students have been given equal importance in curricular and extra curricular activities.</p>