

Annexure-I
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श्रीमती मेनका गांधी
SMT. MANEKA GANDHI

सामाजिक न्याय और
अधिकारिता राज्य मंत्री
(स्वतंत्र प्रभार)
शास्त्री भवन
नई दिल्ली-110001
भारत
MINISTER OF STATE FOR
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
SHASTRI BHAWAN
NEW DELHI-110001
INDIA
March 13, 2000

Dear Shri Mavalong,

42/2413
The implementation of various programmes and schemes for welfare of the Scheduled Castes families in various States was recently reviewed in the Conference of the State Welfare Secretaries held on 14-15th February, 2000. In the course of discussion, it was found that in a number of States, the programmes for development of SCs are suffering on account of -(i) allocation of funds to the Special Component Plan (SCP) for welfare of the Scheduled Castes not being in proportion to SC population in the State and (ii) the Special Central Assistance (SCA), sanctioned by this Ministry as an additive to the SCP for welfare of the Scheduled Caste families not being released to the concerned Departments in time.

As you are aware, the guidelines stipulate minimum earmarking of Plan funds to the extent of percentage of SC population as the SCP for welfare of the Scheduled Castes. In some States, in order to ensure adequate flow of funds for welfare and development of SCs, the Demand for Grants of the Department dealing with welfare of SC reflects the demands of all Department in a centralised manner. After the demand is voted by the Legislature, the SC Welfare Department places this fund in various technical/line Department(s) for implementation of schemes. This mechanism ensures flow of adequate funds for welfare of SCs. As the exercise for preparation of the Budget for the year 2000-2001 is under progress, I would request you to kindly consider introducing a similar mechanism in your State for safeguarding the interest of the SC families.

I am sure you will agree that administrative exigencies like adverse ways and means position should not stand in the way of release of Special Central Assistance, which is meant for the welfare of Scheduled Castes, which is a Constitutional responsibility. I request you to kindly ensure that SCA sanctioned to your State is made available to the Department without any delay.

I am sure you would appreciate my concern in this matter of immense value for the upliftment of Scheduled Castes and would request you to ensure timely release of funds to ensure optimal utilisation of resources.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Minister of
32 States / UTs. (Administrators)