

(iv) 5% of the total SCA released to the States/UTs shall be utilised by them exclusively for the economic development of disabled persons among SCs.

(v) 3% of the total SCA released to the States/UTs shall be utilised by the States /UTs for supervision, monitoring and evaluation of economic development schemes implemented with the support of SCA funds.

(vi) Second instalment of SCA should be released to the States/UTs after ensuring expenditure of cumulative opening balances of the previous year and 75% of the first instalment for the current year.

4. The limit of SCA permitted for staff meant for supervision, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Schemes at various levels has been increased from 1% to 3% taking into account the requirement of staff and infrastructure for the purpose at all levels of implementation. Proper and timely utilisation of SCA funds on viable schemes for the economic development of SC families below the poverty line needs greater attention. The State Governments/UT Administrations should strengthen their monitoring mechanism at State and district levels. There should be regular feed back through monthly progress report on implementation and utilisation of funds from the implementing agencies to the District Level Monitoring Committee and from District Level Committees to the State Level Monitoring Committee on quarterly basis. The Secretary of the Department concerned with the SC welfare and development should send the quarterly progress report on utilisation of SCA within 15 days after the end of each quarter and the annual progress report on the utilisation of funds within 3 months of the end of each financial year to the Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. Based on the progress reports received from the State Governments/UT Administrations, the Ministry will send