

5. The focus of Special Central Assistance is to bring in economic development through occupational diversification and professionalization in a changing market situation. The development approach of the Governments therefore needs to change with the changing course of Indian economy. The States need to identify the activities according to their felt needs and support them through Special Central Assistance if they fit into the broad mandate of the scheme.

6. With these amplifications, the State Governments/UT Administrations are requested to open up more avenues for the SC youth to prove their potential and excellence in high-end income generating activities.

7. These guidelines will come into effect/introduced from 2007-08

8. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours sincerely,



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