

Dear Sh. Bhalla

Under this Ministry's scheme of 'Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations (VOs) working for Scheduled Castes', financial assistance to the extent of 90% of total approved expenditure is permissible to eligible VO's fulfilling the laid-down eligibility conditions to run the specified programmes. The main objective behind the scheme is to involve the voluntary sector to improve educational and socio-economic conditions of the target group i.e. Scheduled Castes with a view to upgrade their skills to enable them to start income generating activities on their own or get gainfully employed in some sector or the other.

2. This scheme covers 40 various projects (as given in Annexure-I) for which assistance is provided to the eligible VO's subject to availability of funds mainly for the following purposes:

- (a) Education including school & professional education,
- (b) Vocational training including skill development programmes
- (c) Service activities including running of Dispensaries, both static and mobile, etc.

3. It is understood that certain States, are also having their own scheme(s) of providing grant-in-aid to VO's to setup residential and non-residential schools for SC students and also for funding training programmes for Scheduled Castes.

4. I, may request you to please send a brief on any such scheme as mentioned in above para being run in your State, if any, indicating admissible financial norms in regard to Residential/Non-Residential School (Primary/Secondary), training programme for SCs and also your ideas and experiences in implementing the said scheme. A copy of the said scheme may also be sent. I would be grateful for an early reply.

With regards

Yours sincerely,

Encl.: As above

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