

CHAPTER 18

WELFARE OF SC/ST/OBC/Minorities

1. As per 2001 Census, out of the total population of Delhi (1,38,50,507) the Scheduled Caste (SC) population of Delhi was 23.43 lakh, (16.92% of Delhi's total population). None of the tribes are notified as Scheduled Tribes in the NCT of Delhi. The Delhi Backward Classes (DBC) Commission of Delhi has so far notified 65 castes as Other Backward Classes (OBC) in Delhi. But no authentic estimate is available regarding the OBC population in Delhi.
2. The SC population of Delhi is predominantly urban and only 8.04% lives in the rural areas. This gels with the rural-urban population ratio of Delhi. While the rural SC population as a percentage of the total rural population of Delhi in 2001 was 19.94%, the urban SC population as a percentage of the total urban population of Delhi was 16.70%. The rural-urban SC population vis-a-vis the total population of Delhi between 1961 to 2001 is given in Table 18.3. The growth rate of Delhi's population remained between 47% and 53% during 1961-2001 while the growth rate of the SC population in Delhi during this period was between 31% and 86%.
3. The literacy rate of the SC population vis-a-vis the total literacy rate in Delhi is shown in Table 18.4. The data reveals that the literacy rate of the SC population has steadily increased from 20.86% in 1961 to 70.85% in 2001. Although the literacy rate of SC population in 2001 was below Delhi's literacy rate of 81.67%, however, it remains above the national literacy rate of 64.80%.
4. The workforce of 45.45 lakh people in 2001 in Delhi included 7.10 lakh SC persons, which is 15.62% of the total workforce. In Delhi, 33% of the total population is employed and out of SC population of 23.43 lakh, 30% is employed.

SCHEDULED CASTE SUB PLAN [SCSP]

5. The concept of Scheduled Caste Sub Plan [SCSP] for the welfare of SCs is that all the departments shall take specific schemes for socio-economic development of SCs. Its essence is that the schemes should be based on their developmental needs. Government of NCT of Delhi has been preparing Scheduled Caste Sub Plan [SCSP] for last few years. The size of SCSP in 10th & 11th Five Year Plan and in Annual Plan 2002-03 to 2008-09 is given in the statement 18.1.

Statement 18.1

(Rs.in Lakhs)

S. No.	Five Year / Annual Plan	Approved Outlay For GNCTD of Delhi	Flow of SCSP	Percentage
1	X Five Year Plan	2399628.00	229198.03	9.55
2	Annual Plan 2002-03	470000.00	26770.35	5.70
3	Annual Plan 2003-04	486400.00	29466.58	6.06
4	Annual Plan 2004-05	453228.00	30799.60	6.80
5	Annual Plan 2005-06	470000.00	45599.78	9.70
6	Annual Plan 2006-07	520000.00	96561.72	18.57
7	Annual Plan 2007-08	900000.00	153405.54	17.04
8	Annual Plan 2008-09	1000000.00	169414.80	16.94

6. Department for the Welfare of SC/ST/OBC/Min. is implementing various plan schemes in order to accelerate the pace of Educational, Social & Economic Development of SC/ST/OBC/Min. Communities by way of providing monetary support both as grant and loan and also providing as financial assistance & scholarship to students. During the year 2007-08, an expenditure of Rs. 5005.74 lakh (98.63%) was incurred against the revised outlay of Rs 5075.00 lakh. During the year 2008-09. Delhi Government had approved Rs. 4970.00 lakh to implement the various plan scheme for the Welfare of SC/ST/OBC/Min. Communities. An expenditure of Rs. 4922.00 lakh has been incurred against revised outlay of Rs 5002.00 lakh for the said period (2008-09).

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

7. Financial assistance of Rs. 450/- to Rs. 750/- per annum is being provided to the students belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Min. communities studying in class VI to XII and having family income of Rs. 1.00 lakh p.a. for the purchase of Stationery. An expenditure of Rs. 1099.98 lakh was incurred during 2007-08 and 193058 students were benefited under the scheme. An amount of Rs. 1100.00 lakh has been approved for the year 2008-09 to provide financial assistance to 1,40,000 students under the scheme. An expenditure of Rs. 762.14 lakh has been incurred against the revised outlay of Rs. 767.00 lakh.

8. Delhi Government is providing scholarships to meritorious students belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Minorities communities studying in class VI to XII from Rs.500/- to Rs.1700/- per annum. Family income is not applicable to the students belonging to SC/ST communities. However, family income of Rs.1,00,000/- per annum is applicable to the students belonging to OBC & Minorities Communities. An expenditure of Rs. 441.92 lakh was incurred during 2007-08 to benefit 44259 meritorious students. During the year 2008-09, Delhi Govt. had approved Rs. 430.00 lakh to benefit 40,000 meritorious student. An expenditure of Rs. 683.91 lakh has been incurred against the revised outlay of Rs. 689.00 lakh, which is expected to benefit more than the said target.
9. Delhi Government is also providing Merit scholarships to the students belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Minorities communities studying in college / professional institutions from Rs.350/-per month to Rs.800/-per month. Family income is not applicable for the students belonging to SC/ST category. However, family income Rs. 1,00,000/- per annum is applicable to the students belonging to OBC/Min. communities. An expenditure of Rs.151.19 was incurred during 2007-08 against the revised outlay 165.00 lakh to benefit 2081 students. During the year 2008-09, Govt. has approved Rs. 160.00 lakh to benefit 1300 students. An expenditure of Rs. 146.80 lakh against the revised outlay of Rs. 160.00 lakh to benefit 1984 students.
10. Tuition and other compulsory fee of SC/ST students having family income or Rs.1,00,000/- per annum and studying in public schools are also being reimbursed @ 75% by Delhi Government. The reimbursement is 100% in case, the family income is up to Rs. 48,000/- per annum. During the year 2007-08, an expenditure of Rs.32.62 lakh was incurred benefiting about 378 students. This scheme has been extended to OBC/Minorities also. During the year 2008-09, an expenditure of Rs. 65.19 lakh has incurred against revised outlay of Rs. 83.00 lakh to benefit 1122 students.
11. Hostel facilities are also being provided to the male & female students belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Minorities communities at Dilshad Garden, Delhi. An expenditure of Rs.48.03 lakh and Rs.5.84 lakh were incurred to provide hostel facilities to 93 male students and 25 female students respectively for the year 2007-08. During the year 2008-09 an expenditure of Rs. 50.91 lakh and Rs. 9.24 lakh were incurred to provide facilities to 100 male students and 33 female students respectively.

12. DSCFDC is implementing a scheme of Education loan. As per the scheme, loan is available to SC/ST/OBC/Min. students having family income upto Rs. 5.00 lakh p.a for pursuing professional and technical educational through recognized institutions in the country and abroad. Loan is provided upto Rs. 7.50 lakh for studies in India and upto Rs. 15.00 lakh for studies abroad. The interest free loan is provided upto Rs. 50,000. Above Rs. 50,000 upto Rs. 5.00 lakh only 6% interest is charged and above Rs. 5.00 lakh 8% interest is charged. During the year 2008-09, Education loan has been availed by two SC students.

ECONOMIC UPLIFTMENT PROGRAMMES

13. The Delhi Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, OBC, Minorities, Handicapped Financial and Development Corporation (DSCFDC) was set up to promote self-employment opportunities for the people of SC/ST communities. Further, the work to promote self employment opportunities for the people of OBC/Min./PH were also assigned to the corporation. It has been declared as State channelizing Agency (SCA) for SC/ST/OBC/Minorities/Physically Handicapped. DSCFDC is implementing various scheme for the economic upliftment of the persons belonging to these communities in collaboration with respective Apex Corporations. This corporation is providing loan to the beneficiaries of SC/ST/OBC/Min. communities for their economic upliftment. Loan upto Rs. 1.00 lakh per case was provided to 426 persons during 2007-08 under Composite Loan Scheme. While 325 SC/ST/OBC/ Minorities/PH persons have been provided said loan during the year 2008-09.
14. In the financial year 2007-08, one time grant of Rs.30.00 lakh was given to DSCFDC for procurement of sophisticated machinery and equipments for setting up of an Apparel Training and Design Center (ATDC) by the Apparel Export Promotion Council(AEPC) in the premises of DSCFDC. The objective of this training center is to provide skill up gradation training cum capacity building. The Apparel Training & Design Centre will run courses on different subjects for benefit of candidates from all over Delhi including Savda Ghera slum dwellers for which it was originally planned.
15. During the year 2008-09, DSCFDC has provided loan to 119 SC/ST/OBC/ Minorities/PH persons for the purchase of light commercial vehicles.

HEALTH, HOUSING AND OTHER

16. Department is also implementing the scheme “Improvement of SC/ST Basties”. Under this scheme, kharanjas, road & side drains and construction/ repair of Chaupals/ Barat Ghar are being carried out in SC/ST Basties with the sole objectives to improved their living conditions. During the year 2007-08, an expenditure of Rs. 2376.85 lakh was incurred for carrying out the improvement works in 48 Basties and 02 Chaupals. During the year 2008-09 an outlay of Rs. 2200.00 lakh has been approved for carrying out the improvement works in 50 Basties and Chaupals. An expenditure of Rs. 2887.00 lakh has been incurred against the revised outlay of Rs. 289.00 lakh and improvement work has been carried out in 45 Basties ad 6 Chaupals.

NEW INITIATIVES

17. A scheme to provide vocational training to 3000 youths belonging to economically backward classes including SC/ST/OBCs/Min has been approved. Vocational training will be provided by Apparel Textile Design Centre (ATDC), National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), Construction Industry Development Council (CIDC) through DSCFDC. A satellite centre of ATDC has been set up at Ambedkar Bhawan, Rohini.
18. To overcome the problem of manual scavengers in NCT of Delhi, Delhi Government is providing rent free accommodation to ATDC and NSIC at Sanskar Ashram, Dilshad Garden to provide training to identified manual scavengers (SRMS). Under “Scheme for rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers”. (SRMS). During the year 2008-09, training has been provided to 118 manual scavengers.