

CHAPTER 17

SOCIAL WELFARE AND SECURITY

In Constitution of India, the Directive Principles of State Policy lay down the norms of ideal governance for people's welfare and these norms have been required to be applied in making law by the State. The Article 41 specifies that "State shall, within the limits of its economic capacity and development, make effective provision for securing the right to work, to education and to public assistance in cases of unemployment, old age, sickness and disablement, and in other cases of undeserved want". The ultimate objective is to increase social welfare and well being of citizens.

2. In the spirit of Social Welfare provided in the Directive Principles of State Policy, the Govt. of NCT of Delhi is implementing the schemes/ programmes through its Departments to ensure the welfare of weaker sections of the society, disadvantaged groups and physically challenged persons for better care and support. In this regard, the following departments play the important role to implement the various programmes on social welfare and security.
 - (i) The Department of Social Welfare implement welfare schemes/programmes to provide services to the Persons with Disabilities, social security for the aged and destitute. Besides this the Department also provides avenues of Persons with Disabilities and creates awareness amongst general public regarding the welfare measures of the Department. In order to achieve its objectives, the Department of social welfare has decentralized its programmes for implementation.
 - (ii) Accordingly, the Women and Child Development Department deals with matters pertaining to the Women and Children.
 - (iii) The Department for the Welfare of SC/ST/OBC is fully committed for socio-economic development of residents of Delhi belonging to SC/ST/OBC community.

3. Schemes and Programmes for Women and Child Development

3.1 Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS):

This is a partially Centrally Sponsored Scheme launched on 2nd October 1975, at present, the ICDS Scheme represents one of the world's largest and most unique programme for early childhood care and development. It is the foremost symbol of country's commitment to its children and nursing mothers, as a response to the challenge of providing pre-school non-formal education on one hand and breaking the vicious cycle of malnutrition, morbidity, reduced learning

capacity and mortality on the other. Government of NCT of Delhi is implementing this programme in Delhi with the help of Government of India. ICDS program provides six services namely Supplementary Nutrition, Immunization, Health check up, Referral services, Pre-school non-formal education and Nutrition & Health education are being provided through 10896 Aanganwari centers. The cost sharing between Central Government and State Government is 50:50 for Supplementary Nutrition component and 60:40 for other than Nutrition Components. The beneficiaries under the scheme are children in age group 0-6 years, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

- 3.2 The Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) in Delhi has 95 projects with 10896 functional Aanganwadi Centres, functioning in various parts of Delhi covering a population of approximately 13.26 lakh children, pregnant women and nursing mothers in the year 2020-21 and approximately 13.91 lakh children, pregnant women and nursing mothers in 2021-22 (up to Dec, 2021), who are economically deprived. Out of these, Supplementary Nutrition (under ICDS) was given to 6.55 lakh children and women in the year 2020-21 and 8.33 lakh children and women in 2021-22 (up to Dec 2021) through 10896 operational Anganwadi Centres. At present, Supplementary Nutrition is provided at the rate of ₹ 8.00 per child, ₹ 9.50 per woman and ₹ 12.00 per malnourished child per day for about 300 days in a year (w.e.f. Sept. 2018).
- 3.3 The Delhi Government has enhanced the honorarium for Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) from ₹ 5000/- p.m. to ₹ 9678/- p.m. and for Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) from ₹ 2500/- to ₹ 4839/- p.m. from August 2017.

3.4 Ladli Scheme

The government of Delhi started the Ladli Scheme in January 2008. The main objective of this scheme is to promote the socio-economic development of the girl child by providing education-linked financial assistance. Eligibility conditions are that the girl child is born in Delhi. Her parents must be resident of Delhi for at least three years prior to filling the application and the annual family income should not exceed ₹ 1.00 lakh per annum. The amount of financial assistance at different stages is as under:-

- Under this scheme, ₹ 11,000/- are deposited in the name of the girl child if she is born in a hospital/ nursing home in NCT of Delhi on or after 1st January 2008 and ₹ 10,000/- if she is born at home or other than hospital/nursing home.
- ₹ 5,000/- is deposited in the name of the girl child on admission in classes I, VI, IX, on passing class X and on admission in class XII.
- The total contribution/deposit is made to ₹ 36,000/- in case of a birth in the hospital and ₹ 35,000/- case birth other than hospital subject to taking admission in all prescribed classes.

- The maturity amount can be claimed when the girl child attains 18 years of age and passes Class X or having attended school up to Class XII.
- 10.64 lakh girls have so far been registered up to March, 2020 under the scheme of which 2,59,044 girls have already received the final maturity value of ₹ 403.93 crore (2008-09 to 2019-20).
- In 2020-21 Nos. of enrollment were 6,15,463, No. of renewals were 87,000 and maturity paid to 29,097 girls.
- In 2021-22 (up to Dec. 2021) Nos. of enrollment are 43,659, No. of renewals are 22,830 and maturity paid to 16,505 girls.
- Year wise Financial Provision of Contribution i.e. budget allocation and expenditure under Ladli scheme since 2008-09:

STATEMENT 17.1

YEAR WISE FINANCIAL PROVISION OF CONTRIBUTION

S No.	Year	Budget (₹ in Cr)	Expenditure (₹ in Cr)
1	2008-09	86.38	86.44
2	2009-10	87.00	86.97
3	2010-11	110.00	89.26
4	2011-12	93.00	92.90
5	2012-13	105.50	103.00
6	2013-14	113.00	112.29
7	2014-15	96.00	95.64
8	2015-16	103.27	101.92
9	2016-17	106.00	96.67
10	2017-18	101.87	100.65
11	2018-19	100.00	97.54
12	2019-20	100.00	85.30
13	2020-21	100.00	89.10
14	2021-22 (up to Dec. 2021)	100.00	35.18
Total		1402.02	1272.81

Source: WCD, Department

- **Status of Enrolment & Renewal under the Ladli scheme:**

STATEMENT 17.2
STATUS OF ENROLMENT & RENEWAL

S. No.	Year	No. of Enrolment	Amount Paid (₹ in Cr)	No. Renewals	Amount Paid (₹ in Cr)
1	2008-09	125337	74.17	--	--
2	2009-10	139823	83.57	--	--
3	2010-11	105737	64.85	15367	7.68
4	2011-12	106585	63.57	54216	27.11
5	2012-13	96800	59.71	63805	31.90
6	2013-14	89246	54.96	97620	48.84
7	2014-15	82669	51.71	102466	52.83
8	2015-16	74846	45.99	99366	55.30
9	2016-17	68193	40.98	97284	55.97
10	2017-18	67070	40.15	102489	59.98
11	2018-19	60803	35.88	103703	60.95
12	2019-20	46660	27.69	94338	56.49
13	2020-21	61546	34.98	87000	52.11
14	2021-22 (Apr-Dec.)	27000	16.23	22830	10.56
	Total	1706232	694.74	940484	519.72

Source: WCD, Department

- **Status of Maturity Disbursement under the Ladli scheme:**

STATEMENT 17.3
STATUS OF MATURITY DISBURSEMENT UNDER THE LADLI SCHEME

S. No.	Year	No. of Maturity Paid	Amount Disbursed (₹ in cr)
1	2009-10	1640	0.87
2	2010-11	19135	10.66
3	2011-12	11212	6.67
4	2012-13	11247	9.71
5	2013-14	20980	26.8
6	2014-15	20091	30.17
7	2015-16	47766	63.84
8	2016-17	37748	67.60
9	2017-18	34717	70.45
10	2018-19	25411	53.41
11	2019-20	29097	63.75
12	2020-21	20861	50.22
13	2021-22 (Apr.-Dec.)	16505	45.33
	Total	296410	499.48

Source: WCD, Department

3.5 **Child Rights Commission**

The Commission for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005 came into force in the year 2006. This Act provides for constitution of State Commission and Children's Courts for providing a speedy trial of offences against children or violation of child rights & for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. Accordingly, the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights was constituted in September 2008. The Commission deals with the issues related to education, child health, child development, juvenile justice, care of neglected/marginalised children, children with disabilities, children in distress, child psychology and laws relating to children. The Department has notified the courts of Additional Sessions Judge at each district as Children's Court for a trial of offences against children or violation of child rights in terms of Section 25 of the Commissions for Protection of Child Rights Act, 2005.

3.6 **Child Welfare Committees**

The government constituted 10 Child Welfare Committees and 06 Juvenile Justice Boards under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 in order to ensure speedy and timely decisions on the matter pertaining to the care, protection and rehabilitation of children in need of care and protection and Juvenile in conflict with Law.

3.7 **Welfare of Juveniles**

The Department of Women and Child Development has set up 28 children institutions under the various provisions of Juvenile Justice (Care and protection of Children) Act, 2015 to cater the children in need of care and protection and also the juveniles in conflict with the law. These institutions include;

- 02 Observation homes for boys.
- 01 Observation home for girls.
- 01 Place of safety for boys
- 01 Place of safety for girls
- 01 Special home for boys.
- 01 Specialized Adoption Agency
- 19 children homes.
- 2 After Care Home for Boys & Girls

Apart from the above, at present, there are 78 NGOs are also running child care institutions in Delhi, which includes Children Home for Boys and Girls, Specialised Adoption Agencies, Open Shelter and Fit Facility in Delhi registered under Juvenile Justice Act, 2015.

3.8 Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)

The ICPS Scheme was launched by the Ministry of Women & Child Development in the year 2009. The scheme aims to provide a protective environment for all the children enabling them to lead a safe, secure and well-protected life. The Ministry provides funds for implementation of 'Integrated Child Protection Scheme' in accordance with the cost-sharing ratio and the State Government is primarily responsible for the effective implementation and monitoring of the scheme in the State. The Department set up a State Child Protection Unit and 11 District Child Protection Units to implement the objective of the Scheme. At present 10 Children Homes, 08 Open Shelters & 03 Specialized Adoption Agencies, are being given Grant-in-Aid through Integrated Child Protection Scheme now Mission Vatsalya.

3.9 Scheme for Financial Sustenance, Education & Welfare of Children of Incarcerated Parents

The Govt. of NCT Delhi notified the scheme namely: "Scheme for Financial Sustenance, Education & Welfare of Children of Incarcerated Parents" in August 2014. Under this scheme financial assistance is given in the form of monthly payment to the child whose only surviving parent or both parents is/are in jail. The Quantum of financial assistance to a child shall be fixed as ₹ 3500/- for the first child, additional ₹ 3000/- for the second child (in case of 03 or more children, the maximum amount of ₹ 6500/- shall be utilized for the welfare of all children) till he/she attains the age of 18 years or parents are released from incarceration whichever is earlier. However, in case a child is placed with a fit institution, then such a child will not be entitled to receive additional financial assistance.

The details regarding the allocation of fund, expenditure incurred and beneficiaries covered under said scheme during 2015-16 to 2021-22 (upto December) is presented in Statement 17.4

STATEMENT 17.4

PERFORMANCE THE SCHEME FOR FINANCIAL SUSTENANCE, EDUCATION & WELFARE & WELFARE OF CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS

Financial Year	Budget Allocation (in lakh)	Expenditure (in lakh)	No. of beneficiaries
2015-16	30.00	22.45	228
2016-17	30.00	22.11	166
2017-18	30.00	22.18	63
2018-19	30.00	16.60	52
2019-20	30.00	18.36	50
2020-21	30.00	15.92	51
2021-22 (Up to Dec 2021)	30.00	9.09	49

Source: WCD, Department

3.10 Mental Health

A mental health unit was set up in Nirmal Chhaya Complex in February 2010 to promote the mental well being of the residents. This unit is being run with the support of Government of India and an NGO which provide psychiatric treatment and psychological counseling to the residents with mental health concerns. Due to the activities of the mental health unit, the rate of restoration and rehabilitation of residents has been improved.

3.11 Programmes for Women

As per 2011 census, the female population of Delhi is 77.77 lakh constituting 46.41 per cent of the total population. At the national level, the female population is of 48.46 per cent of the total population. The literacy rate of the females in Delhi is 80.34 per cent as compared to 91.03 per cent of male and 86.34 per cent of the total. At the national level, the literacy rate of women population is 63.46 per cent.

3.12 Financial Assistance to Women in Distress

The WCD Department is implementing the scheme 'Pension to Women in Distress' i.e. widowed, divorced, separated and destitute women by way of providing financial assistance in term of a monthly basis. This Scheme was introduced in the year 2007-08 to help economically poor widows with a regular source of income. At present, in term of Financial Assistant of ₹ 2,500/- per month has been provided in the age group 18 years and above whose family income is upto ₹ 1,00,000/- per annum and having the resident of Delhi for five years.

The details regarding the allocation of fund, expenditure incurred and beneficiaries covered under the scheme Financial Assistance to Women in Distress during 2015-16 to 2021-22 is presented in Statement 17.5:

STATEMENT 17.5

PERFORMANCE OF WOMEN IN DISTRESS PENSION SCHEME

Financial Year	Budget Allocation (in Crore)	Expenditure (in Crore)	No. of beneficiaries
2015-16	267.58	267.58	1,58,603
2016-17	318.00	317.48	1,76,778
2017-18	513.50	513.27	2,05,079
2018-19	654.45	642.16	2,38,049
2019-20	765.50	738.90	2,50,073
2020-21	895.50	821.83	2,81,267
2021-22 (up to Dec, 2021)	965.50	693.16	3,10,611

Source: WCD, Department

3.13 Financial Assistance to Widows for Performing Marriage of their daughter/orphan Girls

Under the planning scheme, financial assistance of ₹30,000/- is being given to the widows for performing the marriage of their daughter and orphan girls for their marriage. The beneficiary must be a bonafide resident of Delhi. The benefit is given only up to two girls in the family. The Family income should be less than ₹60,000/- per annum. The existing rate of assistance is ₹ 30,000/-.

The details regarding the allocation of fund, expenditure incurred and beneficiaries covered under said scheme during 2015-16 to 2021-22 is presented in Statement 17.6 :

STATEMENT 17.6

PERFORMANCE OF SCHEME FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO WIDOWS FOR PERFORMING MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER/ORPHAN GIRLS

Financial Year	Budget Allocation (in lakh)	Expenditure (in lakh)	No. of beneficiaries
2015-16	990.00	983.00	3612
2016-17	990.00	981.90	3273
2017-18	860.00	854.00	2830
2018-19	1200.00	1000.80	3336
2019-20	1300.00	667.80	2239
2020-21	1300.00	763.58	2573
2021-22 (up to Dec, 2021)	1300.00	499.00	1600

Source: WCD, Department

3.14 Working Women Hostels

Delhi Government constructed a Working Women's Hostel at Vishwas Nagar, Karkardooma, and handed over to YWCA for day-to-day management under an agreement with the sanctioned strength of the hostel is 102. A building of working women hostel has also been constructed at Rohini. The hostel at Rohini was functional till Sept, 2019 as YWCA informed the department for closure of WWH Rohini. The WCD department has planned to setup/construct more new working women hostel at various location in Delhi for which land is available (i.e. Dwarka, Tugalaqabad, Pitampura, Dilshad Garden, Vasant Village, Janakpuri).

3.15 Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act 2005

The Women and Child Development Department is the nodal department for the Implementation of the provision under the 'Protection of Women from Domestic

Violence Act 2005'. This Act has come into force w.e.f. 26.10.2006 with the aim to provide more effective protection of the rights of women who are the victims of violence of any kind occurring within the family. Domestic violence, under the act, includes actual abuse or harassment by way of unlawful dowry demand to the women victim or her relatives. For the implementation of this Act, the Department has appointed 16 Protection Officers to represent each district of Delhi.

3.16 **Shelter Homes for Pregnant and Lactating (Destitute) Mother**

The department has set up two shelter homes at Sarai Rohilla and Jahangir Puri exclusively for destitute women who are pregnant and lactating mother, these shelter homes are being managed by YWCA of Delhi. The women are being provided free boarding and lodging, medical care especially, pre-natal and postnatal care. The capacity of these homes is 14 inmates (Sarai Rohilla) and 10 inmates (Jahangir Puri).

3.17 **Swadhar Greh Scheme (CSS)**

Swadhar Greh scheme is a sub-scheme of the Centrally Sponsored Umbrella scheme "Protection & Empowerment of Women". the main object of the Scheme "Swadhar Greh" aims at :

- Catering primary need of shelter, food, clothing, medical treatment and care of the women in distress and who are without any social and economic support.
- To enable them to regain their emotional strength that gets hampered due to their encounter with unfortunate circumstances.
- To provide them with legal aid and guidance to enable them to take steps for their readjustment in family/society.
- To rehabilitate them economically and emotionally.
- To act as a support system that understands and meets various requirements of women in distress.
- To enable them to start their life afresh with dignity and conviction

The beneficiaries include widows, deserted by their families and relatives, women prisoners released from jail and without family support, women survivors of natural disasters, women victims of terrorist/extremist violence and similarly placed women in difficult circumstances, who do not have any family support and without any economic means of survival. The scheme provides shelter, food, clothing, counseling, medical and legal aid and care to such women. Govt of India is providing 100% funds to these homes through Delhi Govt.

Short stay Home runs under the aegis of M/o WCD (GOI) through Central Social Welfare Board have been converted into Swadhar Greh by the GOI. These Homes are Bapnu Ghar run by All India Women Conference and Snehalaya run by Mahila Dakshata Samiti. The capacity of the Swadhar Greh is to house 30 inmates of each home.

3.18 **Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) - A Maternity Benefit Scheme.**

Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) Programme started on 01.01.2017 and implemented in all the districts of the country in accordance with the provision of the National Food Security Act, 2013 with the objectives to provide partial compensation for the wage in terms of cash incentives of ₹ 5000/ directly to the Bank / Post Office Account of Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers (PW&LM) so that the woman can take adequate rest before and after delivery of the first living child. Cost sharing between center and state is 60:40.

3.18.1 **Target beneficiaries:**

All Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers who have their pregnancy on or after 01.01.2017 for the first child in family *excluding* PW&LM who are in regular employment with the Central Government or the State Governments or PSUs or those who are in receipt of similar benefits under any law for the time being in force.

3.18.2 Pregnant and Lactating AWWs/ AWHs/ ASHA may also avail the benefits under the PMMVY subject to fulfilment of scheme conditionality.

3.18.3 **Benefits:**

Cash incentives of ₹5000/- in three installments i.e. first installment of ₹ 1000/- on early registration of pregnancy at the Anganwadi Centre (AWC)/ approved Health facility as may be identified by the respective administering State/ UT, second installment of ₹ 2000/- after six months of pregnancy on receiving at least one ante-natal check-up (ANC) and third installment of ₹ 2000/- after childbirth is registered and the child has received the first cycle of BCG, OPV, DPT and Hepatitis-B, or its equivalent/ substitute.

The eligible beneficiaries would also receive the incentive as per approved norms towards maternity benefits under the Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) for Institutional delivery so that on an average a woman gets ₹ 6000/- under maternity benefits.

3.18.4 Current Status

Since the inception of the scheme, nos. of beneficiaries enrolled in the PMMVY is 3,20,457 (Jan, 2017 to Jan, 2022) and total fund disbursed under this scheme are ₹120.21 crore (Jan, 2017 to Jan, 2022).

In CFY 2021-22 (up to Jan, 2022), 63,486 beneficiaries registered under this scheme and total fund disbursed under this scheme are ₹29.15 crore.

3.19 Mission POSHAN 2.0 (CSS)

- 3.19.1 Mission Poshan 2.0 was launched in February 2021 to prevent any further backsliding of nutrition indicators. The announcement was made as the government decided to devote attention and resources towards integrating numerous nutrition schemes in the country. Mission Poshan 2.0 brings together the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)—Anganwadi Services, Supplementary Nutrition Programme, Poshan Abhiyaan, Scheme for Adolescent Girls and National Crèche Scheme
- 3.19.2 The Mission POSHAN aims to reduce malnutrition, through a life-cycle concept, adopting a synergized and result oriented approach. The target of the mission is to bring down stunting in children 0-6 years of age from 38.4% to 25% by the year 2022. It also aims to reduce anaemia among women and adolescent girls in the age group of 15-49 years and reduce low birth weight.
- 3.19.3 The Mission POSHAN intends to achieve its goals by focusing on the capacity building of workers on nutrition counseling of pregnant women and mothers of children up to 2 years of age; community mobilization and behaviour change communication; providing performance-based incentives for community nutrition and health workers and states; initiating an IT-enabled citizen engagement and grievance redress system; and scaling up mobile-based information technology tools for improved monitoring and management of services to facilitate better outreach to beneficiaries during the critical 1000 day window for nutrition impact.
- 3.19.4 The Mission POSHAN is being implemented in all 11 Districts (Revenue) of GNCTD with 10755 AWCs in 95 ICDS projects. 11500 smartphones (Samsung J4+) given to Supervisors & AWWs and 10897 sets of Growth Monitoring Devices (infant meter, Stadio meter, weighing scale(infant) and weighing scale(mother & Child) provided to all AWCs.
- 3.19.5 Common Application Software Training (CAS- Training):- 365 Supervisors trained as Master Trainers by GOI. 9974 AWWs trained in four phases by January, 2020.
- 3.19.6 In 2018-19, GNCTD secured 2nd position in UTs for conducting the events of community based Event and Jan Andolan in POSHAN MAAH and POSHAN PAKHWADA.

- 3.19.7 POSHAN Maah September, 2021: In order to ensure community mobilization and bolster people's participation, every year, the month of September is celebrated as POSHAN Maah across the country. This year, as India celebrates the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, to ensure speedy & intensive outreach, the entire month has been subdivided into weekly themes for a focused and assimilated approach towards improving Holistic Nutrition. Various activities were conducted like Plantation drive as "Poshan Vatika", Yoga and AYUSH for nutrition, Distribution of 'Regional Nutrition Kit' to Anganwadi beneficiaries of High Burdened Districts and 'Identification of SAM (Severely Acute Malnourished) children and distribution of nutritious food'. A State Level Steering Committee (SLSC) meeting was held under the chairpersonship of Chief Secretary, GNCTD to ensure effective convergence of various schemes/programs. Meetings of District Convergence cum Nutrition Committee (DCNC) were also held under the chairpersonship of District Magistrates to ensure the progress and action taken in respect of nutrition components.
- 3.19.8 An amount of ₹ 7.66 crore incurred in 2020-21 and ₹1.86 crore incurred in 2021-22 (up to Dec, 2021) under PMMVY Abhiyan Scheme.

3.20 Delhi Commission for Women

Delhi Commission for Women was set up in 1996 to take up cases of violation of safeguards provided to women under the Constitution and other laws. The commission acts through its various programmes as under-

- **Mahila Panchayat** – Under the programme, a network of Mahila Panchayats at the grass root level is established to reach out at community level. 219 Mahila Panchayat has been established (up to Dec, 2021).
- **Mobile Helpline:** The Delhi Commission for women started a Mobile Helpline the Commission is running 23 mobile vans in 11 districts.
- **Crisis Intervention Centers (CIC)** - It is a support system for the rape victims and their families. The aims and objectives of the CICs are to extend support/assistance for the victims where the trauma of rape becomes a permanent scar on their psyche. CICs operate through NGOs which provides psychological counseling services for the victim and her family to cope up with the trauma. Crisis Intervention Centers programme is functional on an outsource basis.
- **Rape Crisis Cell:** The prime responsibility of this cell is to aid and assist the rape victims and their families in order to overcome the trauma caused by the assault by providing immediate relief emotional counseling, assistance in the filing of FIR, etc, and the follow-up. Free legal service is provided to the victim of Sexual assault from the time the complaint is lodged in the police station, concerned with subsequent follow up.

- **‘181’ Women in Distress Helpline** – 181 Women Helpline is intended to provide 24 hours immediate and emergency response to women effected by violence both in Private and public spaces. It is a toll free telecomm service to facilitate crises and non crises intervention through communication by phone, referral, guidance and counsel. Women in Distress Helpline no. ‘181’ was transferred to Delhi Commission for Women alongwith staff by the direction of Hon’ble Minister incharge, WCD vide order dated 11.02.2016. In past one year 181 Women Helpline has dealt with 2,00,335 phone calls as reported by DCW. The department of Women and Child Development has issued Standard Operating Procedure for telecaller of Women Helpline regarding handling of phone calls and other measures to be under taken during the conversation.

4. WELFARE PROGRAMMES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, DIFFERENTLY-ABLED AND VULNERABLE PERSONS:

- 4.1 Government of NCT of Delhi brought out a **‘policy for senior citizens’** in 2006 for providing social security citizens above 60 years of age by providing old age pension. The policy envisages ensuring the welfare of senior citizens and improving the quality of their lives. It aims at providing assistance to enable them to cope with the problems of old age. It also proposes affirmative action by the Government Departments in collaboration with civil society for ensuring that the existing public services for senior citizens are made more users friendly and sensitive to the needs of senior citizens. The government of Delhi would also have a public education mechanism to prepare people for old age in order to ensure that they are able to live gracefully and remain financially secure in their later years.
- 4.2 **Financial Assistance to Senior Citizen (Old Age Pension)**
 - 4.2.1 This scheme is being implemented by the Department of Social Welfare. Applications under the scheme are made online on E-District portal. Under this scheme, financial assistance is remitted on monthly basis in the saving accounts of the beneficiaries maintained in the bank, as per the Aadhar number or account number of the beneficiary through PFMS portal. The Delhi resident of five years with proof, the age of 60 years & above and having a family (applicant & spouse) income less than ₹ 1,00,000/- per annum are eligible. The applicant must have a valid ID proof as listed in the notification. The Quantum of financial assistance to senior citizens having an age of 70 years and above is ₹ 2500/- per month. For senior citizens having age between 60-69 years, it is ₹ 2000/- per month. Additional assistance of ₹ 500/- per month is provided to the beneficiaries of SC/ST/Minorities category (age between 60-69 years) besides the usual pension on the production of relevant documents. This rate is effective from February 2017 (earlier, it was ₹ 1500/- p.m & ₹ 1000/- p.m).

- 4.2.2 The details regarding the allocation of fund, expenditure incurred and beneficiaries covered under the scheme pension to a senior citizen in Delhi during 2012-13 to 2021-22 is presented in Statement 17.7.

STATEMENT 17.7
PERFORMANCE OF SENIOR CITIZEN PENSION SCHEME

S. No.	Year	Outlay (₹ in crore)	Expenditure (₹ in crore)	No. of Beneficiaries
1	2012-13	563.20	558.34	386068
2	2013-14	541.00	537.88	375668
3	2014-15	558.00	532.24	331881
4.	2015-16	608.79	607.79	388471
5.	2016-17	682.00	638.48	381849
6	2017-18	1065.00	984.72	437896
7.	2018-19	1299.00	1255.90	441999
8.	2019-20	1344.00	1342.63	463945
9.	2020-21	1324.00	1137.34	424920
10.	2021-22 (up to Dec,21)	1474.00	979.11	429444

Source: - Social Welfare Department, GNCTD.

4.3 Old Age Homes

- 4.3.1 The aim and objective of the scheme 'Setting up of Old Age Homes' is to provide a place to senior citizens where they may live gracefully in a congenial atmosphere. The Department of Social Welfare, Government of Delhi is running 03 Old Age Homes – Bindapur, Wazirpur and Sewa Sadan Complex, Lampur.
- 4.3.2 The following services are provided at the Old Age Homes
- Free boarding/lodging at the state-run Old Age Homes for free seats,
 - Medical Care & Counseling and
 - Recreational facilities and rehabilitation programme.
- 4.3.3 The Old Age Homes are open for:
- Senior Citizen, i.e. age 60 years and above,
 - Don't have anyone to support or maintain them,
 - Not suffering from any infectious/communicable disease and
 - Resident of NCT of Delhi.
- 4.3.4 The Department of Social Welfare, GNCT of Delhi is planned construction of other old age homes in different area of Delhi viz Chitranjan Park, Rohini, Chattarpur, Janakpuri, Sarita Vihar and Vasant Kunj to cater the needs and requirement of Old Age persons.

4.4 Recreation Facilities to Senior Citizens

- 4.4.1 The Government of Delhi is committed towards the well-being and holistic development of elderly citizen of Delhi for which a scheme of recreation centres is operational. It provides an avenue for the well-being and overall development of the elderly citizens in Delhi. The recreation centre for an aged person provides facilities for relaxation, avenues of Social interaction for their leisure which help the senior citizens to integrate them with their families. Under this programme, Delhi Government is provided with a onetime non-recurring grant of ₹ 75,000/- to the suitable NGO/ organization/ RWA for setting up of a center and recurring grant of ₹ 20,000/- for covering operational expenses.
- 4.4.2 During 2020-21, 143 recreation centers were running and ₹ 64.13 lakh were spent by Delhi Government under this scheme. 150 recreation centers are running and ₹ 91.46 lakh (up to Dec, 2021) has been incurred during current financial year 2021-22.

4.5 Maintenance Tribunal

- 4.5.1 The Government of Delhi has notified and set up 11 Maintenance Tribunals in all 11 districts to provide effective provisions for the maintenance and welfare of parents & senior citizens recognized and guaranteed under the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007. The Maintenance Tribunal in each district is headed by ADM as the Presiding Officer/ Chairperson along with two non-official members one of whom is female.
- 4.5.2 Under this Act any senior citizen or parent who is unable to maintain himself or whose children are not maintaining him/her from his own earning or out of property owned by him, shall be entitled to make an application against their children for maintenance.

- **Appellate Tribunal**

The Government of Delhi has also notified and set up 11 Appellate Tribunals in all eleven districts in the context to the Maintenance Act-2007. Appellate Tribunal in each district is headed by Dy. Commissioner (Revenue) as Chairperson along with two non-official members, one of whom is female.

The total number of cases filed and disposed of by the Maintenance Tribunals in all 11 districts of Delhi during the period 2014-15 and 2019-20 is presented in Statement 17.8.

STATEMENT 17.8
NUMBERS OF CASES FILED & DISPOSED OF BY
THE MAINTENANCE TRIBUNAL

Year	Cases filed	Disposed of cases	Pending Cases at the end of the year
2014-15	361	321	40
2015-16	433	363	70
2016-17	233	191	42
2017-18	623	152	471
2018-19	724	407	317
2019-20	397	245	152

Source: - Social Welfare Department, GNCTD.

5. The welfare of differently-abled Persons

- 5.1. The Constitution of India ensures equality, freedom, justice and dignity to all individuals and implicitly mandates an inclusive society for all, including persons with disabilities. The Department of Social Welfare is the Nodal Department in GNCT of Delhi for the Welfare of Differently Abled Persons and believes in the fact "Help the Differently Abled Persons to help themselves".
- 5.2. The Delhi Govt. through its various initiatives and programmes is rendering full support to the Differently Abled Persons so that they can live with full participation and have equal involvement in every aspect of society. With the coming of new Right of Person with Disabilities Act 2016, replacing the previous Act of 1995 has under the horizon of Welfare of Person with Disabilities, included 21 types of Disabilities which was 07 in previous Act of 1995.
- 5.3. For the welfare of differently abled, the Department of Social Welfare is running homes/ schools:
 - 05 schools for deaf and dumb.
 - 06 homes for mentally challenged persons.
 - 01 schools for mentally challenged children.
 - 01 School for the blind.
 - 01 Hostel for school and college going blind boys.
 - 01 Training cum Production Center.
 - 01 Sheltered Workshop for differently-abled persons.
- 5.4. Under the scheme "National Programme for Rehabilitation of Person with Disabilities (NPRPD)" two types of camps i.e., General Disability Camps and Special Disability Camps were organized by Department of Social Welfare in all

districts of Delhi. General Disability Camps are organized in coordination with other Govt. agencies in every district in which persons with disabilities are facilitated with the facility of disability certificate, DTC Passes, ID Card by the office of Dy. Commissioner, Registration in Integrated School Railway Concession Pass etc., Special Camps are also organized to provide free Aid and Appliances to the disabled persons.

- 5.5 The information regarding allocation of fund, expenditure incurred, camps held and beneficiaries covered under the welfare program for persons with disabilities in Delhi during 2014-15 to 2019-20 is presented in Statement 17.9.

STATEMENT 17.9
PERFORMANCE OF NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR REHABILITATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SCHEME

S. No.	Year	Expenditure (in lakh)	Number of	
			Camps	Beneficiaries
1	2014-15	6.83	08	3242
2	2015-16	9.37	14	5000
3	2016-17	3.49	11	6000
4	2017-18	0.21	-	-
5.	2018-19	0.00	-	-
6	2019-20	3.00	05	2600

Source: - Social Welfare Department, GNCTD.

- 5.6 No General Disability Camps held in FY 2020-21 due to outbreak of COVID. Therefore no expenditure was incurred under this head of accounts. Further, during 2021-22, the Department of Social Welfare is proposing to organize 30 UDID/ General Camps in order to clear the pendency of UDID cards on Swavlamban Portal.
- 5.7 Department of Social Welfare is implementing the scheme "Financial Assistance to Differently-Abled Persons" in which financial assistance of ₹ 2500/- p.m. is provided to the persons who have more than 40 per cent and above disabled are age of 0 to lifelong (*i.e. from birth to death*), have residence proof in Delhi for minimum five years prior to application, with family income not more than ₹ 1,00,000/- per annum. This rate is effective from February, 2017 (earlier, it was ₹ 1500/-p.m.)
- 5.8 The information regarding allocation of fund, expenditure incurred and beneficiaries covered under financial assistance to persons with special needs during 2010-11 to 2021-22 is presented in Statement 17.10

STATEMENT 17.10**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN DELHI**

S. No.	Year	Outlay (in crore)	Expenditure (in crore)	No. of Beneficiaries
1	2010-11	26.50	17.86	25691
2	2011-12	28.50	27.52	26622
3	2012-13	58.00	57.41	36809
4	2013-14	78.00	75.82	45471
5	2014-15	92.00	78.68	41043
6.	2015-16	108.71	108.42	60657
7	2016-17	137.00	135.52	71581
8.	2017-18	200.00	196.03	76263
9	2018-19	265.00	262.26	87196
10.	2019-20	291.35	290.02	95324
11.	2020-21	317.35	279.17	101750
12.	2021-22 (Up to Dec,2021)	320.35	261.92	111790

Source: - Social Welfare Department, GNCTD.

5.9 In order to provide a facilitating mechanism for the rehabilitation of persons whose mental illness is treated & controlled after their discharge from mental hospitals, Govt. of Delhi constructed **five Half Way/Long Stay Homes**. These Homes are located at Dwaraka (01 unit), Rohini Sector-03 (02 units), Rohini Sector-22(01 unit) and Narela (01 unit).

5.10 Out of these, 4 halfway homes are operational/ established (First three homes are operational since 2017 and remaining at S. No. (iv) located at Dwarka is operational since December 2021). At present, following number of inmates are residing in these homes:

S. No.	Name & Address	Sanctioned Strength	Present Numbers (inmates)
i.	'Nav Kiran'- I(for Women) at Rohini Sector – 3	40	36
ii.	'Nav Kiran'–II(for Women) at Rohini Sector – 3	40	38
iii.	'Nav Chetna' (for Men) at Rohini sector – 22.	25	13
iv	'Nav Rachna' (for women) at Dwarka Sector 3	50	05

6. Family Benefit Scheme

- 6.1 One time assistance is being provided to the poor households in case of the death of the breadwinner. Amount of benefit is ₹ 20,000/- in case of death of the breadwinner, irrespective of the cause of death viz. natural or accidental. The age of the deceased should be between 18-60 years. 'Bread earner' is defined as a member of the household whose earnings contribution is the largest proportion of the total household income.
- 6.2 The information regarding allocation of fund, expenditure incurred and beneficiaries covered under the National Family Benefit Scheme during 2010-11 to 2021-22 is presented in Statement 17.11.

STATEMENT 17.11
PERFORMANCE OF NATIONAL FAMILY BENEFIT SCHEME

S.No.	Year	Outlay (in crore)	Expenditure (in crore)	No. of Beneficiaries
1	2010-11	2.15	2.08	2077
2	2011-12	2.58	2.53	2534
3	2012-13	2.70	2.69	2694
4	2013-14	3.10	2.83	2827
5	2014-15	3.60	3.37	3372
6.	2015-16	5.50	5.39	5396
7.	2016-17	7.00	7.00	7000
8.	2017-18	12.62	9.01	4510
9.	2018-19	14.00	11.61	5840
10.	2019-20	24.70	21.30	10729
11	2020-21	29.70	27.23	13676
12	2021-22 (Up to Dec,2021)	29.70	26.65	12833

Source: - Social Welfare Department, GNCTD.

7. The Welfare of Leprosy Affected Persons

A Rehabilitation Centre for Leprosy (RCL) affected persons was established during the year 1980-81. Social Welfare Department is paying ₹ 3000/- per month from September 2018 (Earlier it was ₹1800/- p.m.) to RCL beneficiaries as financial assistance. Most of the beneficiaries are residing in different areas of Delhi such as Tahirpur (Trans Yamuna), R.K. Puram, Srinivasपुरi and Patel Nagar etc. The major colony of leprosy-affected persons is located Tahirpur where the Shelter workshop & Training cum Production Centre is positioned. In these centers, the department provides production work facilities to enable leprosy affected persons to make them economically independent and training

facilities in handloom weaving, shoe-making, chalk making and candle making etc. At present, about 562 beneficiaries are getting allowance @ ₹ 3000/- per month.

8. Mukhyamantri Covid-19 Family Financial Assistance Scheme

Mukhyamantri Covid-19 Family Financial Assistance Scheme was started on in the FY 2021-22 to provide financial assistance @ ₹ 2500/- per month to the surviving family of the bread earner who died of Covid-19.

Eligibility conditions & Quantum of pension under the Scheme are mentioned below.

Situation (Death of working member of the family due to Covid-19)	Eligible Dependent	Amount
Husband	Wife	₹ 2500/- p.m. for life
Wife	Husband	₹ 2500/- p.m. for life
Single Parent (Other parent already died (either due to covid or otherwise)/ Separated/ Divorced)	Each Child below 25 years of age	₹ 2500/- p.m. to each child of the deceased parents till they attain age of 25 years
Both Husband and Wife died	Each Child below age of 25 years. Father or Mother in case of no children.	₹ 2500/- p.m. to each child till the age of 25 years. ₹ 2500/- p.m. for life (in case of Father or Mother - only one will get the assistance)
Unmarried Working Son / Daughter	Father or Mother	₹ 2500/- p.m. for life
Brother / Sister	Dependent Brother / Sister if they are physically or intellectually challenged	₹ 2500/- p.m. for life

STATEMENT 17.12 PERFORMANCE OF MUKHYAMANTRI COVID-19 FAMILY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME

S. No	Year	Outlay (₹ in Crores)	Expenditure (₹ in Crores)	No. of Beneficiaries
01	2021-22 (up to Dec 2021)	41	6.72	9966

9. WELFARE OF SC/ST/OBC/MINORITIES

- 9.1 The Scheduled Caste population of Delhi, as per Census 2011, is 28.12 lakh accounting for 16.75 per cent of the State population (167.88 lakh). No tribes are notified as Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the NCT of Delhi. There are 65 castes which have been notified as Other Backward Classes (OBC) in Delhi by the Delhi Backward Classes Commission but no authentic estimate is available regarding the OBC population in Delhi. The information regarding local body-wise SC population of Delhi during the last four census is presented in Statement 17.13.

STATEMENT 17.13

LOCAL BODY-WISE SCHEDULED CASTE POPULATION: 1981-2011

S. No	Local Bodies	1981	1991	2001	2011
1.	Delhi Municipal Corporations				
	Male	5,89,317	9,40,191	12,24,992	14,53,597
	Female	4,81,000	7,85,560	10,44,156	12,92,608
	Total	10,70,317	17,25,751	22,69,148	27,46,205
2.	New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC)				
	Male	20,967	30,043	29,919	26,545
	Female	15,512	23,887	25,294	23,062
	Total	36,479	53,930	52,213	49,607
3.	Delhi Cantonment Board (DCB)				
	Male	8,266	8,456	10,271	8,658
	Female	6,581	6,699	8,623	7,839
	Total	14,847	15,155	18,894	16,497
4.	Grand Total	11,21,643	17,94,836	23,43,255	28,12,309

Source : Delhi Statistical Handbook.

- 9.2. During 1961-1991, Delhi's decadal population growth remained around 53 per cent which decreased to 47% during 1991-2001 and further decreased to 21.20% during 2001-2011. The Scheduled Caste decadal population growth rate which remained way above Delhi's total population growth rate during 1961-1991 and totally reversed the trend in 2001 Census when it was 30.56% against the 47% for the total population. In 2011 census again it was 20.02% below the total population growth rate of 21.20% i.e. during 2001-2011. The growth of the Scheduled Caste population in Delhi during the last six decades is presented in Statement 17.14

STATEMENT 17.14
DECENNIAL GROWTH OF SCHEDULED POPULATION IN DELHI

S. No	Census Year	Growth in Total Population (in per cent)	Growth in Scheduled Caste Population (in per cent)
1.	1961	52.44	63.73
2.	1971	52.93	86.12
3.	1981	53.00	76.44
4.	1991	51.45	60.00
5.	2001	47.02	30.56
6.	2011	21.20	20.02

Source: - Census Handbook-2011, RGI.

- 9.3 The rural-urban classification of scheduled caste population in Delhi during the last seven censuses is presented in Statement 17.15.

STATEMENT 17.15
URBAN- RURAL SCHEDULED CASTE POPULATION

S. No	Census Year	Urban	Rural	Total
1.	1951	1,44,619	63,993	2,08,612
2.	1961	2,72,243	69,312	3,41,555
3.	1971	5,30,699	1,04,999	6,35,698
4.	1981	10,17,631	1,04,012	11,21,643
5.	1991	15,87,127	2,07,709	17,94,836
6.	2001	21,54,877	1,88,378	23,43,255
7.	2011	27,30,126	82,183	28,12,309

Source:- Census Handbook-2011, RGI.

- 9.4. The literacy rate of the scheduled caste population vis-a-vis the total literacy rate in Delhi is presented in Statement 17.16. The data reveals that the literacy rate of the scheduled caste population has steadily been increased from 20.86 per cent in 1961 to 70.85 per cent in 2001 and 78.89% in 2011. Although the literacy rate of scheduled caste population in 2011 was below Delhi's literacy rate of 86.20 per cent, however, it remains above the national literacy rate of 63.07 per cent.

STATEMENT 17.16
LITERACY RATE OF TOTAL POPULATION AND SC POPULATION IN DELHI
 (Per cent)

S. No	Years	Total Population			Scheduled Caste Population		
		Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1.	1961	60.75	42.55	52.75	32.15	6.80	20.86
2.	1971	63.71	47.75	56.61	39.22	14.32	28.15
3.	1981	68.40	53.07	61.54	50.21	25.89	39.30
4.	1991	82.01	66.99	75.29	68.77	43.82	57.60
5.	2001	87.33	74.71	81.67	80.77	59.07	70.85
6.	2011	90.90	80.80	86.20	86.77	70.01	78.89

Source:- Census Handbook-2011, Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India.

- 9.5. In 2011, Delhi had a Scheduled Caste (SC) workforce population of 9.01 lakh which was 16.14% of the total workforce population (55.87 lakh). Out of SC population of 28.12 lakhs, 32.06% of the SC population were employed against 31.60% of the total population employment.

10. Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) of NCT of Delhi

In order to ensure overall development of the SC community, the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) is being implemented in Delhi. A specific budgetary provision under all sectors of the annual plan is made for social-economic development of SCs. The progress of the scheduled caste sub-plan during the last ten years is presented in Statement 17.17.

STATEMENT 17.17
APPROVED OUTLAY AND SCSP COMPONENT

(₹ in Crore)

S. No.	Year	Approved Outlay	SCSP Component	Per cent
1	2010-11	11400	1931.56	16.94
2	2011-12	14200	2419.95	17.04
3	2012-13	15000	2760.46	18.40
4	2013-14	16000	3003.25	18.77
5	2014-15	16700	2797.25	16.75
6	2015-16	19000	3470.39	18.27
7	2016-17	20600	3603.86	17.49
8.	2017-18*	18500	3773.84	20.39
9.	2018-19	22000	4232.31	19.24
10.	2019-20	27000	5181.77	19.19
11.	2020-21	65000		
12.	2021-22	69000		

* From the year 2017-18 Plan & Non –Plan distinction has been removed and now outlay is for Schemes/ Programmes/ Projects.

Source - Department for Welfare of SC/ST/OBC, GNCTD

11. Achievements under Welfare Schemes/Programmes:

The progress of the schemes implemented by the Department for the Welfare of SC/ST/OBC during the last 15 years for the benefit/development of scheduled caste, scheduled tribe, other backward classes and monitory communities is summarized in Statement 17.18.

STATEMENT 17.18 PROGRESS UNDER SCHEMES / PROGRAMMES FOR WELFARE OF SC/ST/OBC/MINORITIES

(₹ in Crore)

S. No.	Year	Outlay	Expenditure	Achievement [in per cent]
1.	2007-08	50.75	50.06	98.64
2.	2008-09	50.02	49.22	98.40
3.	2009-10	45.85	41.72	90.99
4.	2010-11	89.60	71.12	79.38
5.	2011-12	250.00	233.66	93.46
6.	2012-13	325.00	277.70	85.45
7.	2013-14	330.00	254.77	77.20
8.	2014-15	314.00	234.55	74.70
9.	2015-16	378.00	297.03	78.58
10.	2016-17	385.00	116.07	30.15
11.	2017-18	366.00	282.43	77.17
12.	2018-19	333.00	268.23	80.55
13.	2019-20	396.90	295.26	74.39
14.	2020-21	265.00	47.66	17.98
15.	2021-22	425.00	68.20 (up to Dec. 2021)	16.04

12. Educational Development Programmes for SC/ST/OBC

12.1 Mukhyamantri Vidhyarthi Pratibha Yojana

In order to encourage children/students belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Minority communities, a scheme of Mukhyamantri Vidhyarthi Pratibha Yojana (previously known as Financial Assistance for purchase of stationary & merit scholarship) is being implemented. The students studying in Central Government/ Government of Delhi/ Aided/ Recognized/ Local Bodies schools etc. are being covered under the scheme. The amount of ₹ 5000/- per annum to the student studying in class IX to X and ₹ 1000/- per annum to the student studying in class XI to XII are being provided. There are no family income criteria for the students belonging to SC/ST category, whereas for other students annual family income should be less than ₹ 8 lakh for availing the benefit under this scheme. If student score 75% and above marks in previous class, no income limit is applicable for SC/ST/OBC. An expenditure of ₹ 10.87 crore incurred during 2020-21 under this scheme.

12.2 Scholarship/ Merit Scholarship for class I to XII Students

Delhi Government is providing a scholarship of ₹1000/- per annum to all students studying in class 1st to 8th belonging to SC/ST/Min. categories. Delhi Government is also providing meritorious scholarship depending upon percentage of marks of previous class which are:- (a) ₹ 600/- to ₹ 4500/- per annum for class 6th to 12th belonging to OBC category students and (b) ₹ 1620/- to ₹ 4500/- per annum for class 9th to 12th belonging to SC/ST /Minority category. Family income is not applicable to the students belonging to SC/ST communities, whereas for OBC and Minority community's students annual family income should be less than ₹ 2 lakh for availing the benefit under this scheme. An expenditure of ₹63.19 crore incurred during 2018-19 under this scheme.

The above two scheme mentioned at 11.1 and 11.2 have been merged and a new scheme "Financial Assistance for Purchase of Stationery and Merit Scholarship for SC/ST/OBC/Minorities category students for Class I - XII", has been formulated vide cabinet decision no.2707 dated 02.07.2019. Under this new scheme students for Class Ist to VIIIth will be given ₹3000/- per annum [i.e. ₹1500 for stationery and ₹1500 for merit scholarship]; students for Class IX to X will be given ₹4000/- per annum [i.e. ₹ 2000 for stationery and ₹ 2000 for merit scholarship] (Minimum 50% marks in previous class); Students for or Class XI to XII will be given ₹5000/- per annum [i.e. ₹ 2500 for stationery and ₹2500 for merit scholarship] (Minimum 60% marks in previous class). If applicant receives stationery in cash/kind from schools, he/she may get scholarship of ₹1500/- or ₹ 2000/- or ₹ 2500/- per annum as scholarship as per class studying.

12.3 Merit Scholarship for College / University Students

Delhi Government is also providing merit scholarships to the students belonging to SC/ST/OBC communities studying in college/ professional institutions from ₹ 12000/- per annum to ₹ 24000/- per annum for hosteller and ₹ 8000/- per annum to ₹ 15000/- per annum for day scholar depending upon course. Family income criterion is not applicable for the students belonging to SC/ST category. But, the family income not more than ₹ 3 lakh per annum is applicable to the students belonging to OBC/Minority communities.

The above mentioned annual family income (from ₹2 lakh p.a. to ₹3 lakh p.a.) and course fee were fixed/revised vide cabinet decision No.2707 dated 02/07/2019 and consequent order dated 23.07.2019 of DSCST. Earlier, the course fee for Hosteller was ₹ 9648 p.a. to ₹ 22320 p.a. and that of Day Scholar was ₹ 5040 p.a. to ₹ 11,520 p.a. depending upon course.

STATEMENT 17.19
PERFORMANCE OF MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR
COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

S. No.	Year	Expenditure (₹ in Crore)	No. of Beneficiaries (Students)
1.	2013-14	5.80	7163
2.	2014-15	6.78	13898
3.	2015-16	7.00	11086
4.	2016-17	2.93	3011
5.	2017-18	3.21	3658
6.	2018-19	1.54	1704
7.	2019-20	1.31	1564
8.	2020-21	0.58	596
9.	2021-22 (up to Dec, 21)	0.33	421

Source – Department for Welfare of SC/ST/OBC

12.4 Reimbursement of Tuition Fee for students studying in Public School

Tuition and other compulsory fees of SC/ST/OBC students having a family income less than ₹ 3 lakh per annum and studying in public schools are also being reimbursed by Delhi Government. The maximum fee reimbursement [Tuition Fee, Lab Fee & Library Fee] is ₹ 48,000/- or actual whichever ever less.

The above mentioned annual family income (from ₹ 2 lakh to ₹ 3 lakh p.a.) and maximum fee reimbursement [₹ 48,000/- or actual whichever ever less] was fixed vide cabinet decision No.2707 dated 02/07/2019.

STATEMENT 17.20
PERFORMANCE OF SCHEME REIMBURSEMENT OF
TUITION FEE IN PUBLIC SCHOOL (SC/ST/OBC/Min)

S. No.	Year	Revised Outlay (₹ in Crore)	Expenditure (₹ in Crore)	No. of Beneficiaries (students)
1.	2012-13	9.50	9.50	6,816
2.	2013-14	18.30	18.00	15,442
3.	2014-15	34.00	31.80	26,777
4.	2015-16	37.00	33.19	21,090
5.	2016-17	42.00	5.18	1893
6.	2017-18	56.00	38.62	29435
7.	2018-19	43.00	39.88	25904
8.	2019-20	53.00	50.57	25414
9.	2020-21	48.00	14.58	5916
10.	2021-22 (up to Dec, 21)	33.00	21.37	7972

Source – Department for Welfare of SC/ST/OBC

12.5 Hostel Facilities for SC/ST/OBC/Minority Students

In order to provide congenial study environment hostel facilities are being provided to the male and female students studying in class XI & above belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Minority communities at Dilshad Garden, Delhi. The facilities in the hostel are provided free of cost. The intake capacity of the boy's hostel is 100 students and a girl's hostel is 60 students. The income limit of parents should not exceed ₹ 2.00 lakh per annum to avail benefit under the scheme. An expenditure of ₹189 lakh incurred in 2020-21 under this scheme.

12.6 Residential Schools for Weaker Section of SC/OBC/Min/Orphans

Delhi Govt. vide cabinet decision no.1981 dated 31.02.2013, decided to set up a residential school for SC/OBC/Min/Orphans at Issapur in collaboration with Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS). The scheme is based on "Operations, maintenance and management agreement between the Department for Welfare of SC/ST/OBC, GNCTD and KISS, Bhubaneswar for the children belonging to SC/OBC/Min and Orphans. A grant of ₹ 5000/- per student per month is being provided by Delhi Govt. to the KISS Delhi to run the residential school wherein students are provided free education, uniform, stationery, text books, accommodation, food and primary medical facilities.

STATEMENT- 17.21

PERFORMANCE OF RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL FOR WEAKER SECTION OF SC/OBC/MINORITY/ORPHANS

Year		Budget Allocation (in Crore)	Expenditure (₹ in Crore)	Students Enrolled/Class
2013-14	R	2.50	2.53	269/Class I-III
	C	6.63	6.33	
2014-15	R	5.00	1.87	353/Class I-IV
	C	2.00	0.58	
2015-16	R	4.0	2.25	369/Class I-V
	C	2.0	0.74	
2016-17	R	4.00	2.82	473/Class I-VI
	C	1.00	-	
2017-18	R	4.00	3.36	562/Class II-VII
	C	1.50	0.74	
2018-19	R	4.00	0.00	600/Class I-VIII
	C	5.00	0.60	
2019-20	R	7.70	7.65	682/Class I-IX
	C	5.00	3.56	
2020-21	R	4.50	00	708/Class I-IX
	C	3.50	2.80	
2021-22	R	5.00	2.13	789/Class I-IX
	C	6.00	2.28	

Source – Department for Welfare of SC/ST/OBC/Min

13. Economic Development Programmes

- 13.1 The Delhi Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, 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 to the people of OBC/Minority Communities/PH was also assigned to the Corporation. It has been declared as State Channelizing Agency (SCA) for SC/ST/OBC/Minority Communities/Physically Handicapped. The DSCFDC is implementing various schemes for the economic upliftment of the persons belonging to these communities in collaboration with respective Apex Corporations. This corporation is providing a loan to the beneficiaries of SC/ST/OBC/Minority communities for their economic upliftment.
- 13.2 The Department is implementing a Scheme 'Dilli Swarojgar Yojana' for SC/ST/OBC/Min through DSCFDC. Under this scheme, a loan up to ₹5 lakh is provided to an entrepreneur willing to start a venture in Delhi. During the last six year performance is presented as under statement 17.22.

STATEMENT 17.22

S. No.	Year	Detailed head	Achievement	Expenditure (₹ in Lakh)
1	2015-16	Composite Loan Scheme	46	45.55
2		Educational Loan Scheme	11	36.93
3		Dilli Swarojgar Yojana	70	173.45
4		Training	682	10.52
5	2016-17	Composite Loan Scheme	187	238.92
6		Educational Loan Scheme	14	18.69
7		Dilli Swarojgar Yojana	43	165.02
8.	2017-18	Composite Loan Scheme	208	451.81
9.		Educational Loan Scheme	16	22.34
10.		Dilli Swarojgar Yojana	34	109.70
11.	2018-19	Composite Loan Scheme	236	470.85
12.		Educational Loan Scheme	9	34.47
13.		Dilli Swarojgar Yojana	13	70.78
14.	2019-20	Composite Loan Scheme	249	410.05
15.		Educational Loan Scheme	9	16.37
16.		Dilli Swarojgar Yojana	10	36.40
17.	2020-21	Composite Loan Scheme	361	375.00
18.		Educational Loan Scheme	7	23.48
19.		Dilli Swarojgar Yojana	4	13.50

Source – Department for Welfare of SC/ST/OBC.

14. Improvement of SC Basties

The Department is implementing the scheme “Improvement of SC Basties” with the sole objectives to improve the living conditions of SCs. Under this scheme, kharanjas, road and roadside drains and construction/repair of Chaupals/community centre etc. are being carried out in those SC basties where the population of SCs is more than 33% as per the census record. The Government of NCT of Delhi vide Cabinet Decision No. 2474 dated 24.05.2017 has increased the scope of development works under schemes by including construction of Old Age Home, development of Parks, Gymnasium, Installation of street light, sewer line etc. Under this scheme, work is being executed by DSCST through any of the approved Executive Agencies of Delhi Government. The details of the estimated work and expenditure for last eight years are given under statement 17.23.

STATEMENT 17.23 EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF SC BASTIES AND CHAUPALS

Year	No. of Chaupals	No. of Roads	Others	Expenditure (₹ in crore)
2014-15	12	09	-	37.63
2015-16	31	32	01	29.47
2016-17	29	36	-	25.16
2017-18	30	76	18	48.40
2018-19	24	178	37	49.57
2019-20	29	91	27	34.41
2020-21	3	26	1	0.50
2021-22	4	74	7	22.10 (up to Dec, 21)

Source – Department for Welfare of SC/ST/OBC

15. A. Manual Scavengers Act, 2013 (MS Act, 2013) –

- 15.1 The DSCST is also a nodal department for implementation of Manual Scavengers Act, 2013 and rules made there under. As per the direction of National Commission of Scheduled Castes, the department has also notified the District Level Survey Committee after approval of Hon'ble LG for purpose of identification of Manual Scavengers. As per direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, following compensation has been released by the Government to the next kin of the victims:-

Year	No's of Cases Reported	Nos. of Death Reported	Amount of Compensation Released by Government	Compensation Released from
2017-18	5	12	₹ 10 lakh each	CM Relief Fund
2018-19	2	07	₹ 10 lakh each	02 cases by Employer; 05 cases by Calamity Fund.
2019-20	5	10	₹ 10 lakh each	05 cases the matter related to the payment of compensation is under process.
2020-21	4	7	₹ 10 lakh each	Compensation paid to 1 case (2 persons) and rest 03 cases matter related to the payment of compensation is under process.
2021-22	2	2	₹ 10 lakh each	Compensation paid to 1 case by working agency and rest 01 case matter related to the payment of compensation is under process.

- 15.2 District Level Surveys was conducted in Feb, 2018 for identifying Manual Scavenger in 08 Revenue Districts of GNCTD, following the notification of District Level Survey Committees (DLSC) as mandated in PEMSR (Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and Their Rehabilitation) Act and Rules 2013. Out of 08 Districts, 03 DLSCs has identified 45 Manual Scavengers for whom M/o SJ & Empowerment, GOI has been requested to release onetime cash assistance of ₹ 40,000/- to each person identified as Manual Scavenger by the DSLCs.
- 15.3 In the year 2019-20 as per reports received from the various agencies 10 deaths occurred in GNCTD while cleaning the sewer/septic tank. Out of which ₹ 10 lakh compensation has been made to the family members of the deceased in 5 cases and in other 5 cases the matter related to the payment of compensation is under process.

B. Prevention of Atrocity Act

The Department for Welfare of SC/ST/OBC is also a nodal department for implementing of Prevention of Atrocity Act, 1995.

During last 6 years, Department has provided following compensation under the Act and also incentives for the SC/ST couples for inter-caste marriage. Details are as under:

STATEMENT 17.24

Year	No. of Victims (Under PoA, Act)	Compensation Amount (₹ in lakh)
2015-16	21	6.64
2016-17	18	2.65
2017-18	22	35.07
2018-19	11	32.71
2019-20	26	29.81
2020-21	12	16.85

Year	Nos. of Couples of Inter- Caste Marriage	Incentive Amount (₹ in lakh)
2015-16	3	1.50
2016-17	2	1.00
2017-18	3	1.50
2018-19	nil	Nil
2019-20	nil	Nil
2020-21	nil	Nil

16. Jai Bhim Mukhyamantri Pratibha Yojana-

Delhi Government launched the scheme “Jai Bhim Mukhyamantri Pratibha Vikas Yojana” in the year 2018-19 vide cabinet decision no. 2526 dated 12.12.2017. Under this scheme, eligible students belonging to SC community are being provided coaching through empanelled institutes for preparation of competitive exams conducted by UPSC/SSC etc. and entrance exams for professional courses. The scheme has been expanded vide Cabinet Decision No. 2741 dated 03.09.2019 by way of enhancement of maximum prescribed coaching fee and inclusion of students from ST/OBC/EWS categories in addition to SC students. Now, under the scheme students belonging to SC/ST/OBC/EWS categories having family income up to ₹8 lakh per annum are eligible under this scheme and full admissible coaching fee will be provided by the Government to the empanelled coaching institution for SC/ST/OBC/EWS students.

During financial year 2019-20, 2071 students were enrolled in different coaching institutes. Out of these, 107 students were got coaching for Engg./Medical Entrance Exams and 36 students have qualified (14 in JEE and 22 in NEET Exams).

17. Financial assistance to SC students for pursuing higher studies in abroad

In 2019 Government of NCT of Delhi launched this scheme to provide financial assistance to SC students for pursuing higher studies in abroad as approved vide cabinet decision no. 2736 dated 29.08.2019.

The scheme envisages providing financial assistance to 100 selected candidates for pursuing higher studies abroad through accredited universities at the level of Master's and Ph.D. in the specified fields of study as: Engineering & Management; Pure Sciences & Applied Sciences; Agriculture Sciences & Medicine; International Commerce, Accounting & Finance; Humanities & Social Science. An amount of ₹ 5 Lakhs per annum will be provided subject to maximum of ₹ 20 lakh for the entire period of the duration of Ph.D. course and ₹ 5 lakh per annum subject to a maximum of ₹ 10 lakh for pursuing Master's degree or actual amount whichever is less.

Total family income should not exceed 8 lakh per annum for making the student eligible for this scheme and the age limit is prescribed as below 30 years.
