

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 Castes (SC) population 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. So far, the Delhi Backward Classes (DBC) Commission of Delhi has 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 gets 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 Five Year Plan and its Annual Plan 2002-03 to 2006-07 & Annual Plan 2007-08 is given here under:-

3	Annual Plan 2003-04	502500.00	29074.58	5.79
4	Annual Plan 2004-05	500000.00	31193.60	6.24
5	Annual Plan 2005-06	510000.00	31709.29	6.22
6	Annual Plan 2006-07	520000.00	87900.00	16.90
7	Annual Plan 2007-08	900000.00	153486.00	17.05

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

6. Various educational schemes have been introduced for the benefit of SC/ST/OBC/Minorities students in Delhi. The Book Bank Scheme has been merged with the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Post Matric Scholarship" w.e.f. Annual Plan 2004-05. 388 and 755 students were benefited under this scheme during the year 2004-05 and 2005-06. Hostel facilities were given to 101 boys and 32 girls during 2004-2005, 96 boys and 28 girls during 2005-06 and 100 boys and 35 girls during 2006-07. To assess the impact of the implementation of schemes like "Free Supply of Books and Stationery to SC/ST/OBC/Minorities students, Merit Scholarship to Colleges / Professional Institutions Students belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Minorities", a study was entrusted to Delhi School of Social Work, Delhi University. The recommendations of the study conducted during 2002-03 regarding periodical revision of the amount of scholarship, income limit enhancement and wide publicity of the schemes have since been implemented. During 2003-04, an amount of Rs.480.00 lakh was released to the Directorate of Education for Free Supply of

been increased to Rs.1.00 lakh per annum from the current financial year for the purchase of stationery. An amount of Rs.469.59 lakh was incurred during 2005-06 to benefit 88313 students and an expenditure of Rs.554.94 lakh was incurred during 2006-07 benefiting 85000 students under this scheme and a target of 91000 students is kept for the year 2007-08. Delhi Government is providing scholarship 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.48000/- per annum which has now been increased to Rs.1,00,000/- per annum is applicable in case of students belonging to OBC & Minorities Communities. An expenditure of Rs.152.29 lakh and Rs.240.42 lakh was incurred during 2005-06 and 2006-07 to benefit 21032 and 25563 meritorious students respectively.

7. Merit scholarships is provided 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 which has been increased from Rs.48000/- per annum to Rs. 1,00,000/- per annum w.e.f from current financial year 2007-08 is applicable in case of students belonging to OBC/Min. communities. An expenditure of Rs. 213.97 lakh was incurred during the X Plan to benefit 2548 students under the scheme.
 8. In order to provide "Pre Exam Coaching for Engineering, Medical & Civil Services", to the students of SC/ST/OBC/Minorities communities, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Coaching & Allied Assistance for Weaker sections including SC/ST/OBC/Minority students" is being implemented w.e.f. Annual Plan 2003-04. Pre Exam Coaching to 38 students for Medical and 29 students for Engineering was provided during 2005-06 under the scheme.
 9. 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. In case of family income up to Rs. 48000/- per annum the reimbursement is @ 100%. During the X Plan, an expenditure of Rs.58.75 lakh was incurred benefiting about 805 students. This scheme has been extended to OBC/Minorities also.
 10. 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.198.16 lakh and Rs.26.60 lakh were incurred to provide hostel facilities to 496 male students and 167 female students respectively in the X Plan.
- DSFDC is providing loan up to Rs.7.50 lakh for studies in India and Rs.15.00 lakh for

studies abroad to the SC/ST/OBC/Minorities students having family income up to Rs.5.00 lakh per annum for pursuing professional and technical education through recognized institutions in the country & abroad. The interest free loan is provided up to Rs. 50,000/-. Above Rs. 50,000 up to Rs. 5.00 lakh only 6 % interest is charged and above Rs.5.00 lakh 8% interest is charged. This revised scheme was introduced during the year 2005-06.

ECONOMIC UPLIFTMENT PROGRAMMES

12. 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 was assigned to it. It was 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. The DSCFDC has increased the limit of composite loan from Rs.50,000 to Rs.1,00,000 from the current financial year 2007-08. Composite loan to 247 SC persons, 22 OBC persons, 12 Minorities persons and 3 Safai Karamcharies persons was provided during 2005-06. However, composite loan to 76 SCs, 6 OBCs persons, 7 Minority & 1 Safai Karamcharies was provided during 2006-07. Loan was provided to 2

NEW INITIATIVES

15. The procedure of disbursement of scholarship and other financial assistance has also been simplified to provide funds to the Principal of the colleges/institutions through ECS.
16. Instead of income certificate from SDM, self declaration of income by the parents/guardian of the beneficiary has been introduced from the current financial year with a view to help the applicants from unnecessary visits to various offices for getting the certificates etc.