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Social Justice to Poor

Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri D.Napoleon informed Lok Sabha today in a written reply that the mandate of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is to empower its target groups, namely, (i) Scheduled Castes, (ii) Other Backward Classes, (iii) Persons with disabilities, (iv) Senior citizens and (v) Victims of alcoholism and substance abuse through programmes for educational, economic and social development and rehabilitation as appropriate. The list of schemes implemented by the Ministry during the Eleventh Five Year Plan in States/UTs through various implementing agencies including the State Governments is given in the statement enclosed as Annexure.

He further informed that the schemes for the empowerment of Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes are largely implemented through State Governments/UT Administrations. They are, therefore, responsible for ensuring the equitable and effective utilization of funds released to them. The Ministry, in order to assess the effectiveness of implementation of its various schemes, also sponsors evaluation studies from time to time through independent evaluation agencies. These studies have revealed that benefits of these schemes are largely reaching the target groups, the Minister said .

Annexure

S. No.	List of the major Schemes being implemented by the Ministry
	Scheduled Castes Development
1	Babu Jagjivan Ram Chatrawas Yojana (Boys Hostels)
2	Babu Jagjivan Ram Chatrawas Yojana (Girls Hostels)
3	Free Coaching for Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Class students
4	Upgradation of Merit of Scheduled Caste Students
5	Top Class Education for Meritorious Scheduled Caste Students
6	Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowships Scheme
7	National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Caste Students
8	Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan
9	Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana
10	Assistance to Voluntary Organizations Working for the Welfare of Scheduled Castes
11	Assistance to Scheduled Castes Development Corporations
12	Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers
13	Pre Matric Scholarship for Children of those Engaged in Unclean Occupations
14	Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes
15	Assistance to States/UTs for Implementation of Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989
	Other Backward Classes Development
1	Pre-Matric Scholarship to Other Backward Class (OBC)students
2	Post Matric scholarship to Other Backward Class students
3	Assistance for Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls
4	Assistance to Voluntary Organizations working for Welfare of Other Backward Classes
	Persons with Disabilities
1	Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/fitting of Aids and Appliances
2	Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme
3	Scheme of Implementation of Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995
4	Scheme of Incentives to Employers in the Private Sector for providing Employment to Persons with Disabilities
	Social Defence Bureau
1	Integrated Programme for Older Persons
2	Scheme of Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse and for Social Defence Services
