NOTE FOR SHORT DISCUSSION
ON
"WELFARE OF BCs, SCs, STs & MINORITIES - CENSUS OF BCs"
(WELFARE OF BACKWARD CLASSES - CENSUS OF BCs)
IN A.P. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
DATE: 22-11-2021

BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
WELFARE OF BACKWARD CLASSES

The Government of Andhra Pradesh is dedicated for the welfare and overall development of the Backward Classes. It aims at their Social, Educational and Economic Development and to bring them on par with other developed communities to achieve an egalitarian society.

Although, there are no accurate figures with regard to the population of Backward Class Communities, it is observed that BC’s constitute nearly 50% of the population. In Andhra Pradesh they are listed under 139 Communities and categorised into 5 Groups.

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During the period of earlier Government limited number of schemes were implemented under the will and wish of Janma Bhoomi Committees. The Present Government has introduced several new schemes and implementing them on saturation basis without any discrimination of Caste, Creed, Region or Religion.

The present Government have introduced several new schemes for the welfare of BC Communities especially for Most Backward Communities under" Navaratnalu " programme like Mathsyakara Bharosa, YSR Cheyutha, YSR Nethanna Nestham, Jagananna Chedodu and also implementing several other schemes for the welfare of BC’s along with other communities like Jagananna Ammavodi, Jagananna Vidya Deevena, Jagananna Vasathi Deevena, Jagananna Vidya Kanuka, YSR Vahana Mithra, YSR Aasara, YSR Pension Kanuka.

Under these schemes beneficiaries are selected by the Village Volunteers / Ward Volunteers in a transparent manner which was not done by the previous Government.

There is no scope for corruption and red tapism, either in selection of beneficiaries or payment as the amount is directly deposited in the bank account of
the beneficiary through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), which has created history in the country, where no other state is implementing so many schemes under DBT for the welfare of BC Communities as taken up in our state.

Government is consciously promoting the welfare of BC’s by recognising them as Back Bone Classes of the society.

**Milestones towards the welfare of BC’s and other communities.**

The Government have brought 5 new Acts for the upliftment of BC, SC, ST & Minorities and Women.

1) **Act No.19:**
The AP Commission for Backward Classes was established on a permanent basis to protect the interests of the BC Communities and to exercise the statutory provisions as per the Act.

2) **Act No.24:**
Provision of 50% reservation is made in the nominated posts for political upliftment of BC, SC, ST & Minorities.

3) **Act No.25:**
Provision of 50% reservation is made in nominated contract works and nominated service contracts for BC, SC, ST & Minority to ensure their Economic Growth.

4) **Act No.26:**
Provision of 50% reservation is made for women in nominated contract works and nominated service contracts for their economic advancement.

5) **Act No.27:**
Provision of 50% reservation is made for women in nominated posts for their political advancement.

**FORMATION OF NEW 56 BC CORPORATIONS:**

Government has consciously aimed to provide support to the poor and marginal communities among the BC communities to facilitate their empowerment and advancement. The historic step in that direction is the formation of 56 new corporations. Out of 56 corporations, 30 corporations are chaired by women and out of 672 Directors, 333 are women. Government have appointed Chairmen and Directors for the Corporations giving them an opportunity to work for the welfare of the Communities.
REQUEST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO TAKE UP THE CASTE WISE
CENSUS OF THE BCs

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has decided to move a proposal to pass a resolution in the Andhra Pradesh State Legislative Assembly requesting the Government of India to take up census of the Backward Classes demand has been coming consistently from the intellectual's, BC organizations and various groups representing the interest and aspirations of the Backward Classes. Such a census will also reflect accurately the social educational and economic conditions of the Backward Classes in the country and is of paramount importance for evolving developmental strategies for their overall advancement.

This Government is committed to Educational, Economical and Social development of BCs by implementing various flagship programmes to achieve BC's Empowerment in the state.

NAVARATNALU:

Navaratnalu is a combination of several core welfare and developmental programmes of the Government aiming at conferring benefits on all sections of the society.

(1) JAGANANNA VIDYA DEEVENA:

➢ The Government have been introduced Jagananna Vidya Deevena scheme and sanctioned the complete Fee amount deposited directly into the Bank Accounts of Mother / Guardian.

➢ This scheme is being implemented on saturation basis and majority of BC Students prosecute their studies in technical courses like Engineering, Medicine and P.G. Courses.

➢ As mothers are automatically involved in the education of their children there shall be increased supervision of parents on facilities in colleges and more accountability ensured by depositing the amount in to the mothers' accounts.

➢ The Government has ensured regular releases under the scheme to avoid any difficulty to the students.

➢ Government has incurred expenditure an amount of Rs. 2186.32 Cr. for 7,99,984 BC beneficiaries so far.
Amount of Rs. 2,723.11 Cr. has been credited in the accounts of 9,40,445 BC Beneficiaries including Rs.768.28 Cr. arrears left by the previous Government.

(2) JAGANANNA VASATHI DEEVENA:

- The aim of Jagananna Vasathi Devena Scheme is to provide financial assistance to the eligible students towards food and accommodation under the Scheme, Government is sanctioned following amounts:
  - ITI students - Rs. 10,000
  - polytechnic students - Rs. 15,000
  - Degree and P.G Courses - Rs. 20,000
  (For those pursuing degree and other courses in two instalments per annum to every eligible student)

- This facility is extended to all the eligible BC students in the family irrespective of their number.

- Amount is directly credited in to the bank accounts of Mother / Guardian of the students.

- Government has incurred an amount of Rs. 1,060.01 Cr. for a period of 3 years (2019 to 2021) for 7,43,030 BC students.

(3) JAGANANNA AMMAVODI:

- In order to ensure the education for development of BC’s where the poverty and backwardness in BPL families became a hurdle in the way of educating their children, those who are studying from class I to XII will be sanctioned Rs. 15,000/- per annum, irrespective of all the Government recognized Private Aided and Private Unaided schools/ Jr. Colleges including Residential Schools/ Jr.Colleges in the State. This is an innovative Scheme and introduced “JAGANANNA AMMAVODI ” and such a scheme is not implemented in any other state in the country.

- So far Rs.5,900.00 Cr. have been incurred as expenditure for the last 3 Years for 19,67,749 BC students.
(4) **YSR CHEYUTHA :**

- The scheme was officially launched by the Hon’ble Chief Minister on 12th August, 2020.

- YSR Cheyutha is a unique welfare program under which financial assistance of Rs. 75,000 (over the 4 years) is provided to all BPL Backward Classes women between the age group of 45-60 years, along with SC/ST/Minority communities women beneficiaries towards social and economic empowerment for achievement of self sustenance.

- Under this scheme, in the first year the Government has entered into partnerships with multinational companies such as Amul, Hindustan Unilever Ltd, ITC Ltd, Procter & Gamble, Reliance Retail, NIINE and Allana Group to support the identified beneficiaries across dairy, retail business, Sanitary napkins and meat export & processing sectors. The partners will support the beneficiaries by assisting dairy farmers in cattle rearing, milk procurement and health services, establishment of Kirana enterprises and buy-back agreements for fruits, vegetables and small ruminants etc.

- An amount of Rs. 5,429.07 Cr. has been released to 14,81,489 BPL Backward Classes women beneficiaries.

(5) **YSR AASARA :**

- As a part of implementation of "Navaratnalu", the Government is committed to alleviate the poverty in both rural and urban areas and to improve the productivity, the YSR AASARA scheme was launched on 11.09.2020.

- The Government has decided to reimburse the entire SHG loan outstanding amounts of Rs. 6,084.46 Cr pertaining to 38,25,492 BC women beneficiaries in 7.97 lakhs Self Help Groups.

- This measure will improve and reinforce the Women Empowerment efforts and strengthen the economic development of poor SHG Backward Classes women in both rural and urban areas.

- The percentage of NPA of the SHG groups was 18% in the past regime and this has come down to less than 1% at present.
(6) YSR PENSION KANUKA:

➢ To ameliorate the hardships of the poor and vulnerable sections of the society particularly the old and infirm, widows and persons with disability to secure a dignified life. Now, our Government is sanctioning pensions in 21 days on saturation basis.

➢ The Government has reduced eligible age criteria from 65 years to 60, so that, more number of old age people are benefitted.

➢ The Government is distributing Pensions to old age persons and people suffering from various diseases at their homes / Hospitals / Working Places by Village / Ward Volunteers.

➢ Patients suffering from various deceases are unable to earn their lively hood in previous Government. Today, Government introduced 11 categories of health pensions to patients suffering with various deceases and Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 10,000 pensions have been sanctioned basing on the diseases.

➢ All types of pensions worth of Rs.17,995.01 Cr. are being delivered to about 30,14,810 pensioners belonging to BC’s on the first day of every month by the village/ Ward Volunteers at the doorsteps of the beneficiaries without any discrimination of caste, creed and political affiliation.

OTHER FLAGSHIP PROGRAMMES:

(7) JAGANANNA VIDYA KANUKA:

➢ Under this innovative scheme the students belonging to Backward Classes BPL families to continuing their studies with dignity on par with developed community students from IIIrd to Xth Class are being provided.

➢ 3 Pairs of Uniform Dresses
➢ 1 Pairs of Black Shoos & 2 Pairs of Socks
➢ Belt and Bag
➢ Note Books and Text Books
➢ Dictionary

➢ So far Rs.714.95 Cr. have been incurred as expenditure for the last 3 Years for 24,53,085 BC students.
(8) **YSR NETHANNA NESTHAM**:

The Government has decided to implement 'Y.S.R. Nethanna Nestham' scheme by providing Rs.24,000 per annum to every BPL weaver family who owns a Handloom so as to modernize their equipment and in-turn compete with the power looms sector.

An amount of Rs.522.59 Cr. budget is incurred as expenditure for 71,980 weaver beneficiaries in BC communities for the years 2020-21 and 2021-22.

(9) **YSR MATSYAKARA BHarosa**:

The Government have announced the new scheme in the year 2020-21 for the benefits of the fishermen. Under this scheme, the Government have increased financial assistance from Rs.4,000/- to Rs.10,000/- for mechanized, motorized and non-motorized boats and fishing nets during the fishing banned period in between 15th April to 14th June.

The beneficiaries will get increased diesel subsidy of Rs 9 per litre.

The families of fisherman who died while hunting will also get Rs.10 Lakhs.

An amount of Rs. 328.51 Cr. budget is incurred as expenditure for 1,18,119 Fisherman beneficiaries in BC communities for the years 2019-20,2020-21 & 2021-22.

(10) **YSR VAHANA MITHRA**:

This scheme is meant for financial assistance to the Taxi, Cab and Auto driver cum owners belonging to B.C. Communities. The financial assistance is meant for insurance, repairs and other maintenance charges to poor BC Drivers.

An amount of Rs. 346.09 Cr. budget is incurred as expenditure for 1,22,337 BC beneficiaries for the years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22.

(11) **JAGANANNA CHEDODU**:

The Government has introduced a new scheme to provide, Financial Assistance to Rajakas, Nayee Brahmins and Tailors belonging to all communities. The financial assistance of Rs.10,000/- per annum who are living on the profession of Washing of Clothes, Barber/Saloon and Tailoring shops.

An amount of Rs. 226.88 Cr. budget is incurred as expenditure for 2,26,880 BC beneficiaries for the year 2020-21.

(12) **JAGANANNA THODU**:

This scheme is meant for financial assistance to Hawkers who are engaged in road side petti business like selling fruits / Vegetables etc., on pulling carts by giving interest amount to the loans taken from the banks. This amount is to save the small road side business people from the clutches of unscrupulous money lenders.
An amount of Rs. 329.56 Cr. budget is incurred as expenditure for 2,43,702 BC beneficiaries for the years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22.

DEPARTMENTAL SCHEMES

(13) PRE-MATRIC HOSTELS:

There are 747 Pre Matric Hostels functioning in the State. Among them, 565 for Boys and 182 for Girls (including 13 integrated Hostels).

An amount of Rs.302.26 Cr. budget is allocated under Pre Matric hostels for the year 2021-22. An amount of Rs. 226.69 Cr. Budget is released up to 3rd quarter. 30,513 Students were admitted.

13,152, all the SSC boarders were promoted to the next higher class by the Government due to COVID-19 pandemic.

(14) POST-MATRIC HOSTELS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS:

In order to promote the education of BC Boys and Girls at the Post Matric level, Government have issued orders for establishment of College Hostels @ one for each Assembly Constituency for Girls and Boys. 184 for Boys and 178 for Girls are functioning.

An amount of Rs.156.74 Cr. budget is allocated under Post Matric hostels for the year 2021-22. An amount of Rs.117.56 Cr. Budget is released up to 3rd quarter. 12,605 Students were admitted.

(15) MAHATMA JYOTHIKA PHULE B.C. RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS:

At present, 95 BC Residential institutions are functioning in the State of Andhra Pradesh, of which 50 are meant for Boys and 45 for Girls. 14 Residential Junior Colleges (07 for Boys and 07 for Girls) are also functioning in the State. The total strength for the year 2021-22 is 35,307 (Boys-19,713, Girls-15,594) in the BC Residential institutions.

An amount of Rs.268.28 Cr. budget is allocated for the year 2021-22. An amount of Rs.128.16 Cr. Budget is released up to 2nd quarter. An amount of 74.44 Cr. incurred towards expenditure.

(16) CONSTRUCTION OF BC HOSTELS AND RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS

During the financial year 2021-22 Government have allocated an amount of Rs.100.00 Cr. budget towards construction of BC hostels and residential school buildings. Out of which an amount of Rs.33.61 Cr. incurred expenditure.
(17) CONSTRUCTION OF BC BHAVANS AND COMMUNITY HALLS

During the financial year 2021-22 Government have allocated an amount of Rs.25.00 Cr. budget towards construction of BC Bhavans and Community halls. Out of which an amount of Rs.4.07 Cr. incurred expenditure.

(18) A.P. B.C. STUDY CIRCLES:

13 BC Study Circles are functioning in the state @ 1 in each district to impart free coaching to the unemployed BC Students who are appearing for various competitive examinations. Apart from free coaching, stipend and study material / book grant are provided to the candidates enrolled in the study circles.

During the period 2019 to 2021 apart from departmental and Navaratnalu Schemes Government have implemented various flagship programmes like Rythu Bhorosa, YSR Sunna Voddi Panta Runaalu, YSR Crop Insurance, Input Subsidy to Farmers, YSR Bima, YSR Law Nestham, Dr. YSR Arogya Asara, MSME Restart, Agrigold and Special Covid Assistance to White Card Holders through DBT, in addition to these Government has implemented Non DBT programmes like Dr. YSR Arogyasri, Jagananna Gorumudda, YSR Sampurna Poshana, House Wifes (compensation paid for land acquisition and Land Development) and YSR Kanti Velugu benefitting 4,57,09,859 BC beneficiaries and incurred Rs. 76,274.59 Cr. as expenditure for upliftment of Backward Classes.

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MINISTER FOR BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE

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Social Welfare Department
Government of Andhra Pradesh
Note for short discussion on
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Census of BCs"
(WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES)

As per 2011 census the population of Scheduled Castes is 84.69 lakhs in the state which constitutes 17.08% of total population.

The Social Welfare Department implements various schemes for the Educational Advancement, Socio-Economic Development, Welfare and Protection of rights of Scheduled Caste People in the State. The Social welfare department is dedicated to the integrated and overall development of the Scheduled Castes in the State.

NAVARATNALU - 100% focused coverage of SC families under various schemes of NAVARATNALU:

Every SC family in the state is covered with the Navaratnalu or other priority schemes of the government on saturation basis either under Amma Vodi (for SC families where the children are studying between class 1 to 12) or under Jagananna Vidya Deevena and Vasathii Deevena (for SC families where the children are studying in ITIs or Polytechnics or Degree and above courses) or under YSR Cheyutha where the SC women in the families are in the age group of 45 years to 60 years or under the YSR Pension Kanuka scheme (where the age of family members is above 60 years).

Apart from the above, the other members of the SC families are also being covered under different schemes like YSR Rythu Bharosa, YSR Vahana Mitra, YSR Asara, Jagananna Thodu, Jagananna Chedodu, YSR Law Nestham, YSR Netanna Nestam. All these schemes are meant to provide financial assistance to the SC families.
NAVARATNALU

The following schemes are implemented by the Social Welfare Department towards the welfare of Scheduled Caste people in the State of Andhra Pradesh

1. **Jagananna Vidya Deevena:**

This scheme is meant for complete full fee reimbursement to every eligible student pursuing degree and above courses. Amount is credited into the accounts of the mothers concerned. Students who are pursuing Polytechnic, ITI, Degree & above level courses in Government/Aided/Private colleges, affiliated to State Universities / Boards are eligible to get scholarship.

- During June-2019 to October-2021, **Rs.1041.38 Crs** was incurred benefiting **4.34 lakh** SC Students including the arrears up to 2018-19.

2. **Jagananna Vasathi Deevena:**

Government provides Rs.10000/- per person to ITI students, Rs.15000/- per person to Polytechnic students and Rs.20000/- per person for other Degree and above courses per year as per eligible criteria for food and hostel expenses. Jagananna Vasathi Deevena is credited into the respective account of the mother of the eligible student. In case of the demise or absence of the mother, the amount is credited to the account of the natural guardian of the student.

- During June-2019 to October-2021, **Rs.463.84 Crs** was incurred benefiting **3.89 lakh** SC Students including the arrears up to 2018-19.

3. **Amma odi :**

Rs.15000/- per annum is provided to each mother of the child studying classes from 1st to Intermediate.

- During June-2019 to October-2021, **Rs.2628.54 Crs** was incurred benefiting **8.84 lakh** SC Students.

4. **YSR Pension Kanuka:**

Monthly pension is provided to Old age persons, Widows, Artists, Single women, Aids Patients, Dialysis Patients, Disabled Persons, Fishermen, Toddy Tappers, Traditional Cobbler, Dappu Artists, Thalassemia, Sickle Cell & Severe Haemophilia Patients, Multi deformity leprosy Patients, Sainik Welfare patients.

- During June-2019 to October-2021, **Rs.5947.98 Crs** was incurred benefiting **10.05 lakh** SC Pensioners.

5. **YSR Asara:**

Loan of SHG members as on April, 2019 is being paid by the Government in four phases. Amount is deposited directly into the Womens account.

- During June-2019 to October-2021, **Rs.2567.61 Crs** was incurred benefiting **16.84 lakh** SC beneficiaries.
6. YSR Cheyutha:

Financial assistance to SC women between the age group of 45 to 60 years @ Rs.75000/- in span of 4 years i.e., @ Rs.18750/- per year.

- During June-2019 to October-2021, Rs.2143.06 Crs was incurred benefiting 5.83 lakh SC beneficiaries.

OTHER SCHEMES

7. Scheduled Castes Component (Earlier SCSP)

The Scheduled Castes Component is designed for channelizing the flow of outlays and benefits for the development of SCs in proportion to their population in the plans with an objective to bridge the gaps in development indicators between the general population and SCs.

Implementation of the Scheme under SCC is monitored by Statutory Committee-(i)State Council for development of SCs and STs under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble Chief Minister (ii)Nodal Agency, under the chairman ship of Hon’ble Minister for Social Welfare at State level and (iii) District Monitoring Committees under the chairmanship of District Collectors at District level.

- During 5 years (2014-2019), Rs.33625.49 Crs. was incurred.
- During June-2019 to October-2021, Rs.36605.50 Crs was incurred.

8. Free Power:

Government is providing free Power by enhancing 100 to 200 units per month to SC households under Jagjeewan Jyothi scheme.

- During June-2019 to October-2021, Rs.533.35 Crs was incurred benefiting 17.44 lakh SC households.

9. Installation of 125 Feet Statue of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar and development of Park at Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Swaraj Maidan, Vijayawada:

Installation of 125 feet Statue of Dr.Babasaheb Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar and development of park was sanctioned with an estimated cost of Rs.268.46 Crs at Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Swaraj Maidan, at the prime location of Vijayawada town, vide G.O.Rt.No.43, SW(CV.POA) Dept., Dated 08.03.2021 instead of at a remote location selected earlier.

Social Welfare Department is the Nodal Agency. APIIC is the Executing Agency. The Water Resources Department has handed over the site (18.81 acres) to the Social Welfare Department and it was in turn handed over to the APIIC, Vijayawada. The process of tenders finalization has been completed and work order issued to the M/s KPC Projects Ltd, Hyderabad.
10. Implementation of SCs & STs (POA) Act, 1989 (Amended)

The Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities), 1989 is enacted to prevent offences of atrocities against the members of the Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes, to provide relief and rehabilitation of the victims of such offences and to provide for special courts / exclusively special courts for trial of such offences and for matters connected there with.

- The Act & Rules are implemented by the various functionaries of Police, Revenue, Judiciary and Welfare Departments.
- After 7 years, State level High Power Vigilance Monitoring Committee meeting was held first time by the Hon’ble Chief Minister.
- A workshop was conducted to prepare Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) with various departments. i.e; Police, Law and Social Welfare.
- A meeting was conducted by the Hon’ble Ministers, MLAs, MLCS and various union leaders belonging to SC and ST community for taking suggestions and advices.
- After above consultation Standard Operating Procedure was prepared.
- An exclusive website (poa.apcfss.in) for grievance monitoring of victims of atrocities is being developed.

Special Criminal Courts:

13 special session courts and 1 Exclusive court (at Lakshmipur, Srikakulam dist.) are functioning to trail the cases registered under POA act.

- During June-2019 to October-2021, Rs.82.73 Crs was incurred.

Monetary Relief and Legal Aid:

Government is providing enhanced monetary Relief and rehabilitation as per POA rules to the victims of Atrocities. The expenditure on sanction of relief and rehabilitation to the victims of atrocities was exempted from Treasury control.

- During June-2019 to October-2021, Rs.98.68 Crs was incurred.

11. Hostels:

1070 Hostels (761 Pre Matric and 309 Post Matric Hostels) are functioning in the state accommodating 60856 students from 3rd to 10th classes in Pre Matric Hostels and Intermediate to Ph.D courses in Post Matric Hostels. Free lodging and boarding are provided to the students residing in the Hostels along with Diet, Cosmetic and other basic amenities.

The caste composition of students in each Hostel (intended to achieve social integration) is shown below:

Scheduled Caste - 70%, Christians converted from SC -12%, Backward Classes - 9%, Scheduled Tribes - 5% and Others - 4%.
The Government have issued orders for providing kits containing the following items to all the students studying from I to X classes of Welfare Hostels at school level and APSW Residential Schools under “Jagananna Vidya Kaanuka scheme” for the year 2021-22.

(3) pairs of uniform cloth, Text books, a set of note books, a pair of shoes, two pairs of socks, Belt, school bag.

Sanitary napkins are provided to girl students from 7th to Intermediate under Swachha Program.

- During June-2019 to October-2021, Rs. **752.26 Crs** was incurred on hostels benefiting **2.35 lakh** SC Students.

**12. AP Study Circle:**

The Andhra Pradesh Study Circle organizes coaching programmes for competitive examinations for both Central and State Services and other Competitive Examinations in three centers.

Three Study Circles which are exist at Vishakhapatnam, Vijayawada, Tirupati are rejuvenated.

Coaching Programme for Bank POs Examination was started on 08.11.2021 at Tirupati study Circle in the new building.

Coaching programme for UPSC Civil service Examinations 2022 will be conducted for the selected candidates (150) at Visakhapatnam branch.

Coaching for Gr-I services will be started in Vijayawada in December,2021.

- During June-2019 to October-2021, Rs. **18.56 Crs.** was incurred benefiting **10431** SC Students (Including arrears upto 2018-19).

**13. AP State Commission for SCs:**

An exclusive Commission for Scheduled Castes has been established through Act 9 of 2021 and notified vide Go.Ms.No.17 SW (CV PCR) Department Dt.23-08-2021.

AP State Commission for SCs, a Statutory body, is functioning to safeguard the interests of Scheduled Castes in the State.

The Commission inquires suo-moto on petitions presented to it by a victim or any person on his/her behalf, into complaints of violation and deprivation of rights of Scheduled Castes. It makes recommendations with a view to ensure effective implementation and enforcement of all safeguards under protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989.

- During June-2019 to October-2021, Rs.**3.98 Crs.** was incurred for functioning of the commission.
14. Construction of Buildings / Ambedkar Bhavans

During June-2019 to October-2021, Rs.16.62 Crs was incurred for construction of Government buildings viz., Hostels, Integrated Welfare Hostel Complexes (IWHCs), Department Attached Hostels (DAH), Ambedkar Bhavans / Babu Jagjeevan Ram Bhavans and Community Halls in the State.

15. YSR Vahana Mitra (Insurance and Maintenance for Autos and Taxi Drivers)

During June-2019 to October-2021, an amount of Rs. 179.17 Crores were released to 64091 drivers of autos, taxis and maxi-cabs @ Rs. 10,000/- per year towards maintenance expenses etc.,

16. Jagananna Chedodu:

During June-2019 to October-2021, an amount of Rs. 21.64 Crores were released to 21,641 SC beneficiaries doing Barber, Washer men and Tailoring profession @ Rs. 10,000/- per beneficiary.

17. Nethanna Nestham:

Under this scheme, Rs 24,000 will be credited directly into the bank accounts of the SC weavers having own looms every year.

During June-2019 to October-2021, an amount of Rs. 6.12 Crores were released to 852 SC beneficiaries.

18. YSR Matsakara Bharosa:

During June-2019 to October-2021, an amount of Rs. 1.12 Crores released to 678 SC beneficiaries @ 10,000/- during the ban period as onetime payment as they lost their livelihood due to imposing of ban on marine fishing for 61 days.

19. Law Nestham:

During June-2019 to October-2021, an amount of Rs.2.42 Crs released to 372 SC junior advocates by giving stipend of Rs.5000/- per month.

20. YSR Sunna Vaddi (SHGs):

Loans are provided to SHG women at zero interest.

- During June-2019 to October-2021, Rs.410.19 Crs was incurred benefiting 17.45 lakh SC beneficiaries.

21. Four-Wheeler Mini Truck Mobile Dispensing Units:

Government of Andhra Pradesh under economic upliftment of Scheduled Castes under novel welfare self-employment scheme 2300 four-wheeler mini truck mobile dispensing unit have been provided with an outlay of Rs.133.67 Crs. towards sustainable livelihood and economic upliftment of Scheduled Caste beneficiaries to engage the vehicles to the Civil Supplies Corporation for door delivery of Public Distribution System with 90% subsidy and 10% beneficiary contribution.
22. **Leather Industries Development Corporation of A.P.**

The LEATHER INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF A.P functions for promoting and developing Leather industry in the State and also facilitates needful employment to Leather artisans among SCs and particularly SC-Women.

- The LIDCAP has entered into MoU with Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI), Chennai to work on the revival of the Mini Leather Parks duly reviving the training centres by refurbishing the existing machinery and other infrastructure.
- The LIDCAP has proposed to start (2) footwear manufacturing units in (Prakasam and Krishna districts with a total outlay of about Rs. 11.50 Crores with an aim to provide employment for (280) unemployed SC youth with a total production target of (6) lakhs pairs per annually for the year 2021-22.
- The LIDCAP has proposed to conduct residential training programs in these two districts for (6) batches consisting of (50) members for each batch for a duration of (45) days with a total outlay of Rs.1.00 Crore for the year 2021-22.
- The LIDCAP has empanelled with SC manufactures and suppliers for a period of 3 years to supply footwear, leather goods and related accessories to various Governments and Government Undertakings on behalf of LIDCAP as per the supply orders placed by LIDCAP.

23. **A.P Social Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society**

AP Social Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society is running 192 residential schools.

The number of students admitted in to social welfare residential schools is increased to 1,09,000 when compared to 93701 during 2014-15 to 2018-19.

**Academics:**

During 2020-21 13 students secured direct IIT admissions and 34 Preparatory IIT Seats and 37 NIT admissions. Also, 39 students secured Medical seats. This is the record achievement of admissions in the history of Residential Schools. In the previous years (2014-15 to 2018-19) only 1 or 2 students per year selected to IIT admissions.

**YSR Kanti Velugu:**

Earlier, focus on students health is always considered less priority. But now, students health is much focused and nearly 1,00,000 above students underwent eye screening and 3,326 students who have vision errors had received spectacles at free of cost.
Sweccha Program:
To ensure the highest safety and hygiene during the menstruation for the adolescent girl child i.e., 55,763 students, for the first time in the AP State history, quality and branded sanitary napkins @ 10 sanitary napkins per girl child per month are being distributed timely.

24. Other Departments - DBT & Non DBT
In addition to the above, Government is implementing DBT schemes in other departments to benefit SC people through YSR Rythu Bharosa, YSR Sunna Vaddi for farmers, Dr.YSR Free Crop Insurance, Input subsidy to Farmers, YSR Bima, Dr.YSR Arogya Asara, MSME Restart, Special Covid Assistance to White Card Holders, Relief of Agrigold victims with a total of Rs.3232.72 Crs benefiting 40.90 lakh SC beneficiaries.
Also through Non DBT Schemes like Dr. YSR Arogya Sri, Jagananna Gorumudda, Jagananna Thodu, YSR Sampurna Poshana, Jagananna Vidya Kanuka, Pedalandariki illu, YSR Kanti Velugu are implemented with a total of Rs.8017.19 Crs. benefiting 51.65 lakh SC beneficiaries.
On the whole, an amount of Rs.26,663.11 Crs. have been incurred for the welfare of 1,60,69,115 Scheduled Caste beneficiaries.

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