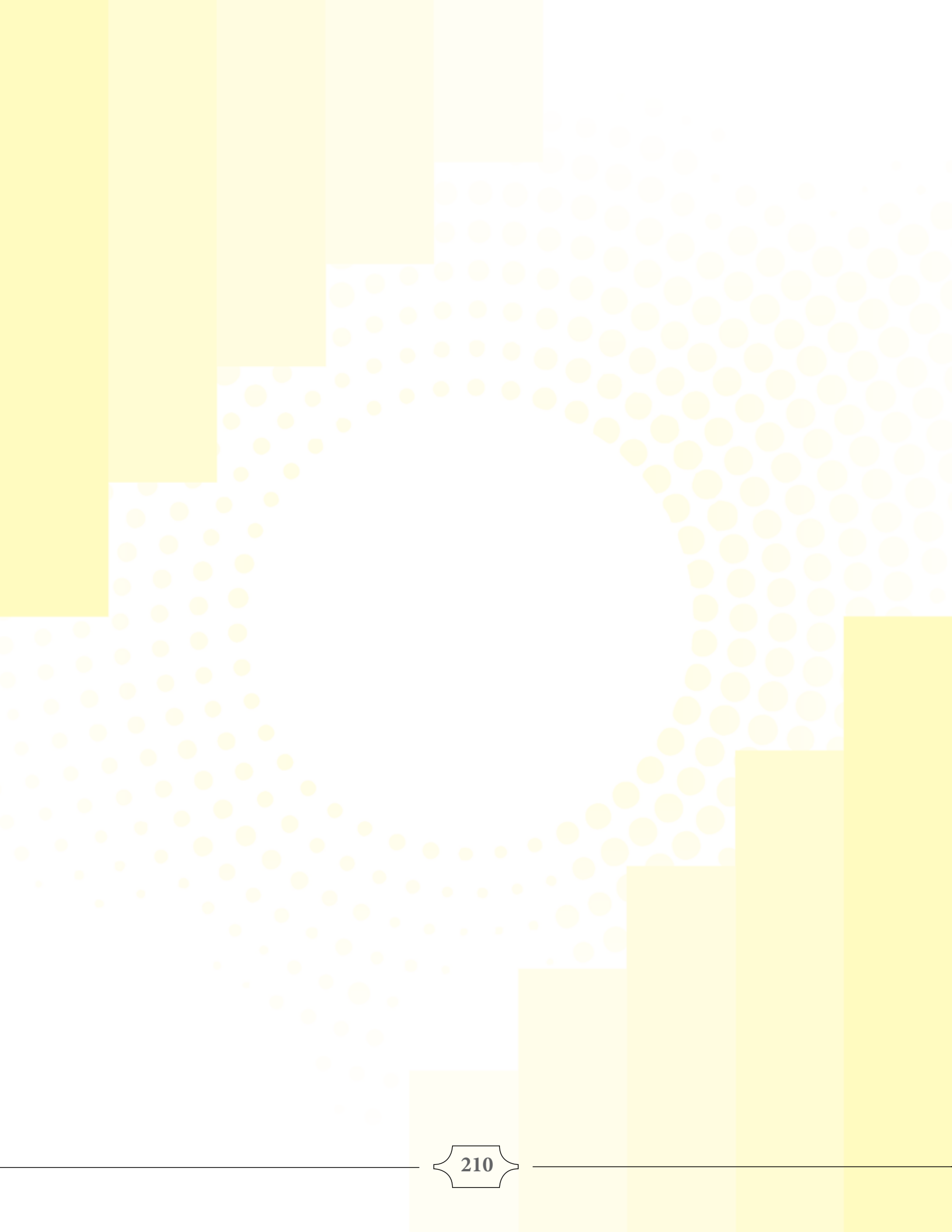


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12.1. Scheduled Tribes

12.1.1. Recent Policy Initiatives for the Scheduled Tribes

The Government of Madhya Pradesh remains committed to the social as well as economic inclusion of the Scheduled Tribes. It has taken many policy-level initiatives in different sectors in this direction in the last year. The State announced the implementation guidelines for the Panchayat (Extensions to Scheduled Area) Act on 15th November 2022. In the year 2020, the 15th of November had been declared as the 'Janjaatiya Gaurav Diwas' in the honor of the birth of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. To honor the contribution of ST leaders, 4th of December has also been declared as 'Balidan Diwas', to commemorate the sacrifice of Tantya Mama. PESA is an enabling legislation which gives special power to Gram Sabhas in scheduled areas, especially for the management of natural resources. It will allow self-governance through Gram Sabhas in 89 tribal blocks of the state, covering 2,350 villages in 5,212 panchayats. This move is expected to benefit over 1.5 crores ST population, mostly living in the villages (Census, 2011) in the State. PESA allows gram panchayats to decide matters related to minor forest produce, land and small water bodies along with the implementation of government schemes and maintaining records of migrant labourers for curbing bonded labour in these scheduled areas. The new Rules also provide for a peace and dispute resolution committee in every village.

Another recent flagship initiative is the Devaranya Scheme which links AYUSH with the livelihood of the STs. The scheme, now under implementation, creates a complete value chain for the production and distribution of AYUSH medicines. The scheme would be connecting the tribal farmer with the pharmaceutical industry directly as market linkages. Given that majority of the ST depend on forest resources for their living and livelihood, the State initiatives would go a long way in the conservation of tribal rights and ensuring economic upliftment, as well. Additionally, schemes like the 'Aahaar Anudaan Yojana' strives to improve the nutritional security of PVTG women and children.

To promote employment and entrepreneurship among the SC and ST communities, the Govt. of MP has established the Sant Ravidas Global Skill Park in collaboration with the government of Singapore, which would train 10 thousand youth each year. Entrepreneurship among the ST and SC youth is further supported by state-led schemes of Tantya Mama Arthik Kalyan (economic welfare), Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Arthik Kalyan, Bhagwan Birsa Munda Arthik Kalyan and Mukhya Mantri Udyam Kranti Yojana (Dept. of Public Relations, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh).

12.1.2. TSP Budgetary Allocations- Trends in Social Expenditure

The Tribal Sub Plan or TSP (also known as the Scheduled Tribe Component) strategy provides

additive support for the sectors of education, health, sanitation, water supply, livelihood, etc. For the execution of the TSP Strategy, Madhya Pradesh has designated 31 Integrated Tribal Development Projects (ITDPs), 30 Modified Area Development Agencies (MADA) and 6 Clusters spread across identified 89 tribal blocks in 20 tribal districts. The State also receives Special Central Assistance as an additive to TSP. Over the last 5 financial years, the State has received an average of about Rs. 200 crores each year. The SCA allocation for the year 2021-22 was Rs. 228 crores. The SCA is subject to approval from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and submissions of prospective project plans by the State. An indispensable tool for the development of the STs in the State, table 13.1 below highlights the MP's State allocation (TSP) for the financial years 2004-05, 2009-10, 2014-15, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Table 12.1 : TSP Budgetary Allocation

(in crore Rs.)

SN	Year	Total TSP Allocation (R.E.)
1	2004-05	1,662.01
2	2009-10	4,242.96
3	2014-15	12,115.71
4	2020-21	24,261.29
5	2021-22	24,910.99
6	2022-23 (B.E.)	26,940.68

*Source: Volume 9, Annual Budget Books, Dept. of Finance, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh
Maang Sankhya 41, Annual Budget Books, Dept. of Finance, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh*

Each State department allocates about 20 per cent of its total budget for TSP expenditure. For 2022-23 (B.E.) the Dept. of Energy has had the largest allocation of about Rs. 4,714 crores (about 16 per cent of total TSP allocation for the year) closely followed by the Dept. of Rural Development with an allocation of Rs. 4,000 crores (about 15 per cent). This highlights the major initiatives undertaken by the State in 2022-23 for rural electrification and rural development. The Dept. of Tribal Affairs had a total TSP allocation of about Rs. 3,700 crores and its budget has been discussed briefly in the next section.

The major allocations of the TSP are with respect to education, health, livelihood, rural development and infrastructure. The total TSP allocation for the Education sector for the year 2022-23 is about Rs. 3,000 crores, out of which almost half is allocated to the Dept. of School Education (about 48 per cent). About 25 per cent of it is allocated to the Dept. of Higher Education. The total TSP allocation for the health sector is over Rs. 3,000 crores out of which almost 65 per cent is for the Dept. of Public Health and Family Welfare. It must be noted that the schemes are additive to the tribal health schemes managed by the Dept. of Tribal Affairs. The total TSP allocation for livelihood for the year 2022-23 is about Rs. 4,000 crores and over 77 per cent of this has been allocated to the Dept. of Farmers Welfare and Agriculture Development, with the remaining allocated to various schemes operated by the Dept. of Horticulture, Dept. of Forests, Dept. of Fisheries, and Dept. of Animal Husbandry. The total TSP allocation on rural development and infrastructure for the year 2022-23 is about Rs. 7,800 crores and over 53 per cent of it is allocated to the Dept. of Energy.

12.1.3. Budgetary Allocation of Dept. of Tribal Affairs

Table 12.2 : Sectoral Budget Allocation- Dept. of Tribal Affairs

(in crore Rs.)

SN	Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
1	Education	5,863.60 (78.26)	7,418.52 (82.78)	8,186.90 (83.57)	8,731.12 (84.33)
2	Health	200.00 (2.67)	218.00 (2.43)	270.00 (2.76)	300.00 (2.90)
3	Skill and Emp.	51.09 (0.68)	25.60 (0.29)	29.55 (0.30)	84.35 (0.81)
4	Infra	100.00 (1.33)	50.00 (0.56)	60.00 (0.61)	60.00 (0.58)
5	DoTA Budget	7,492.3	8,961.83	9,796.74	10,353.84

Note : DoTA denotes Dept. of Tribal Affairs ; “()” indicates percentage of the sector out of total departmental annual budget

Source: Dept. of Tribal Affairs, Annual Budget Books, Dept. of Finance, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh

The Dept. of Tribal Affairs runs multiple schemes for all these different sectors (as highlighted above). The major schemes and respective achievements for each scheme are listed below.

12.1.3.1. Education

- There are currently 22,913 primary, 6,788 middle or, upper primary and 1,109 high schools (707 departmental and 402 RMSA), managed by the Dept. of Tribal Affairs. Additionally, there are 898 higher secondary schools being managed by the department in the State. There are 8 Model Residential Higher Secondary Schools, 84 Kanya Shiksha Parisars, 63 Eklavya Model Residential Schools, 26 Sports Complexes, and 1083 Ashram Schools operational in the State. There are currently 198 Junior Hostels, 980 Senior Hostels, 216 Utkrisht Senior Hostels, and 167 University Hostels in the State.
- The State also provides different pre-matric scholarship schemes to promote education among ST children, completely disbursed through DBT. The students come from families with annual income less than Rs. 2.5 lakhs, are provided post-matric scholarships. For the differently-abled (physical disability over 80 per cent) students of Class 9th and 10th, additional conveyance scholarships of Rs. 1600/- are provided. Mentally retarded (MR) students are provided scholarships of Rs. 2400/-
- Meritorious Students Award Scheme: For students of the 10th and 12th Board, 52 boys and 52 girls are awarded the merit award and an amount of Rs. 1,000/- at the district level under the scheme.
- Under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme, students studying in government educational institutions will not be eligible for subsistence allowance if their income limit is more than Rs.2.50 lakh, but only eligible for full fee. Students studying in non-government

institutions whose annual income of parents/guardians exceeds Rs 2.50 lakh will not be eligible for subsistence allowance. As part of the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme, students coming from a family income range Rs. 2.50 to 6.00 lakhs in government institutions will be eligible for only half of the non-refundable compulsory fee along with tuition fees for selected courses.

- The State provisions scholarship to 50 students each year for studying abroad. In the year 2020-21, 02 students received a scholarship worth a total of Rs 101.32 lakh. In the financial year 2021-22, a provision of Rs. 220.00 lakhs have been made and an amount of Rs. 160.96 has been spent for the scholarship of 06 students. In the year 2022-23, a provision of Rs. 220.00 lakhs have been made and Rs. 121.56 out of this has been spent till November 2022.
- In order to encourage sports talent among tribal children, a total of 26 residential sports complexes (19 for boys and 7 for girls) with 100 seats are operative in the state. The State also incentivises the participation of ST children at national and state-level competitions through monetary prizes.
- Under the New Cycle Scheme for ST girls, the tribal girls who have not been provided cycles in class 9th by the education department, and who have to travel a distance of more than 2 km to get admission in class 11th, such girls are given cycles. Out of the provision of 10.00 lakh in the year 2022-23 till the month of November 2022 and Rs 4.37 lakh has been spent.
- For economically weak students of Scheduled Tribes, for treatment in sudden calamity, or special diseases, and for participating in various programs and special interests, incentives are given. An amount of Rs 1.16 lakh has been spent in the year 2021-22. In the year 2022-23, there is a provision of Rs.15.00 lakh. Until the month of November 2022, an amount of Rs 9.57 lakh has been spent for the year 2022-23.
- The State Government provisions incentives to the Scheduled Tribe candidates who are successful at various levels in the Civil Services Examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission and the Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commission. For Union Public Service Commission Examination, Rs.40.00 thousand for clearing the preliminary examination; Rs.60.00 thousand for clearing the main examination, and on selection after the interview, Rs 50.00 thousand. There are no income limits for eligibility for this scheme. For the Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commission examination, (Eligibility for this scheme is a family income limit of up to Rs. 8.00 lakhs) only 50 per cent of the incentive amount will be given to candidates who clear the exam on the second attempt. In the year 2021-22, an amount of Rs 79.80 lakh was spent on benefiting 217 students. In the year 2022-23, Rs. 100 lakhs were provisioned and an amount of Rs.95.70 lakhs has been spent till the month of November 2022.
- The State has provisions for allowing the Scheduled Tribe candidates to avail of coaching facilities from a reputed coaching institute located in Delhi. In the year 2021-22, an amount of Rs 67.32 lakh was spent by benefiting 100 candidates and in the year 2022-23 and till the month of November 2022, an amount of Rs 35.71 lakh was spent.

12.1.3.2. Health

- AaharAnudaan Yojana: With the objective of getting rid of malnutrition in the special backward tribal community (PVTGs), the Scheme is being implemented from the year 2017. This scheme is currently being implemented by the Department of Tribal Affairs in 15 districts inhabited by special backward tribes respectively. Under this scheme, the amount of Rs 285 crore is being spent.
- For the prevention and treatment of TB, an amount of Rs. 1636.00 lakhs is operated under the CCD plan in the districts of Shivpuri, Ashok Nagar and Guna.
- An action plan amounting to Rs.358.74 lakh has been approved for “Evaluating the efficacy of homoeopathy as an adjuvant therapy for PVTGs suffering from sickle cell disorder”. Presently this scheme is being implemented by the Department of AYUSH in Chhindwara, Dindori, Mandla and Shahdol districts.

12.1.3.3. Livelihood

- The State Tribal Financial and Development Corporation is operating the Bhagwan Birsa Munda Self-Employment Scheme (New Scheme), which will be payable only for the establishment of new enterprises. There will be provisions related to eligibility and financial assistance to the applicants of tribal category are ranging from Rs. 1 lakh to 50 lakh.
- Tantya Mama Economic Welfare Scheme (New Scheme): The objective of the scheme will be to provide low-cost equipment and working capital to the BPL category beneficiaries of Scheduled Tribes. The benefit of the scheme will be given for the establishment of new industries/business etc. In the financial year 2021-22, an amount of Rs 270.00 crores was spent, benefiting 2,30,242 women. In the financial year 2022-23, there is a provision of Rs 300.00 crore, against which Rs 185.12 crore has been spent benefiting 2,43,253 women till November 2022.
- At the divisional level, the action plan for the construction of 24 community centres was approved in the financial year 2018-19 for the social organization of special backward tribes and it is currently being implemented. Rs 1,550.00 lakh against the sanctioned amount of Rs 2,150.00 lakh for the action plan has been issued. At the block level, a total amount of 50.00 lakhs per unit in 10 development blocks (Chanderi Tamiya, Mohgaon, BhitwarParswara, Karaira, Datia, Pahargarh, Karahal and Pali-2) under special backward tribal dominated areas by the Government of India. Approval of Rs.500.00 Lakhs has been given.
- Under the Community Centre Development plan, in the financial year 2021-22, an amount of Rs. 4,521.60 lakhs was approved and against this amount, an amount of Rs. 2,888.69 lakhs was released for the construction of Anganwadi building cum Education Centres.
- Proceedings of establishment and operation of Permanent Aadhaar Registration and Update Centres at Division/District/Development Block/Jan Shiksha Kendra under Tribal Affairs Department, M.P. is being done in collaboration with State Electronics Development Corporation Limited, Bhopal and CSC. At present, out of the total 1,010 approved Aadhaar

centres, 757 Aadhaar kits have been procured by the District E-Governance Officer and out of which 344 Aadhaar centres are operative.

- Amount of Rs. 47.10 lakh for the Livelihood Program for Women of Baiga in district Mandla has been approved, and Rs.246.00 lakh has been sanctioned for 05 computer training skill development centres.
- In districts Chhindwara, Sheopur, Shahdol, Dindori and Mandla. For the implementation of FRA Action, an amount of Rs 491.60 lakh has been released.
- For organizing cultural activities for special backward tribes (PVTGs) in districts Sheopur, Dindori, and Chhindwara, 3 cultural centres for Baiga, Bharia and Sahariya communities, the construction cultural co-training centres in Bhopal, are being jointly constructed at a cost of Rs 1850.00 lakh.
- Computer Training Skill Development Centres for Special Backward Tribe Youth in Special Backward Majority Areas at the rate of Rs. 596 Lakhs. Skill development and livelihood of 100 students will be ensured at each training centre with an action plan of Rs 2,984.00 lakh.
- In order to provide excellent education and residential facilities to the students of special backward tribes, 20 hostels are being constructed at the rate of 50 seats per hostel at a cost of Rs.4,400.00 lakhs, through which 1000 students will be benefited.

12.1.3.4. Infrastructure

The main objective of Scheduled Tribe Basti development is to provide basic amenities in Scheduled Tribe areas. In the year 2021-22, Rs 5,520.46 lakh was spent against the provision of Rs 6,000.00 lakh. In the year 2022-23, against the provision of Rs.6,000.00 lakh, an amount of Rs.1263.81 lakh has been spent till November 2022.

12.1.4. Other Major Schemes

Shankar Shah and Rani Durgavati Award Scheme

Three students of Class 10th and 12th are awarded with the prize under the scheme for achieving merit. The first prize for the student at the top among the three under the merit range is awarded Rs. 51,000/-. Accordingly, Rs. 40,000/- and Rs. 30,000/- are awarded to the students at the second and third position.

ST Girls Science Award Scheme

There is provision to award ten girl students of the 12th Class for achieving the merit position in a science subject. In this case, the scheme is applicable to ST girls of the State of MP only. In the financial year 2021-22 till the month of November 2021, 60 girls have been rewarded by spending 9.60 lakhs. In the year 2022-23, a provision of 12.00 lakhs has been made till the month of November 2022, and an amount of Rs. 1.00 lakhs have been spent.

CM RISE School

The main objective of developing CM Rise schools, is to improve the quality of education, keeping in view the survey done for the new education policy (NEP 2020) for the establishment of

resource-rich schools. CM RISE Schools aims to increase the attendance rate of children and reduce the dropout rates by running holistic/integrated schools from kindergarten to class 12th, equipping schools with modern equipment, techniques and technology, sports, and cultural and literary activities for the overall development of children. English classes are conducted from kindergarten to class 12th and subjects are taught in Hindi medium as well. The ideological and moral values of CM RISE School are to help the State to reach new heights with respect, integrity, courage and excellence. The cost of construction of each school and making it fully equipped is estimated to be Rs. 35-40 crores. CM RISE reinforcement sanctioned 23 works in the year 2022-23 for the construction of 35 school buildings amounting to Rs.33,580.00 under the scheme.

Baiga Women's Livelihood Handloom Promotion Program

The Livelihood Program for Women of Baiga Community (PVTG) in the Mandla district has been initiated. With a unit cost of Rs. 56,072/-, a total of 47.10 lakhs have been allocated for 84 units in the year 202-21. The Action Plan has been approved for Mawai, Bichhiya, Mohgaon, and Bijadandi development blocks in the Mandla district.

Programme of Livelihood Promotion of the Beneficiaries of Forest Rights Act

For this scheme, an amount of Rs. 983.20 lakh has been approved. Against this amount, an amount of Rs 491.60 lakh has been allocated in the financial year 2019-20 and the remaining amount of Rs 491.60 lakh in the financial year 2020-21 has been given to the National Rural Livelihood Mission Bhopal for the implementation of the scheme.

12.2. Scheduled Castes

12.2.1. Economic Empowerment

The Government of Madhya Pradesh is committed to the mainstreaming of all the weaker sections of society, especially the Scheduled Castes. It is the priority of the government to provide employment and entrepreneurship opportunities to this community. 'Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Economic Welfare Scheme' was started in the year 2022 on Sant Ravidas Jayanti for the economic empowerment of the youth of the SC community, under which they will be given loans for small, small and medium-scale industries established earlier. A loan of up to Rs 1 lakh will be provided for the cost of equipment or working capital. Madhya Pradesh government has set up the Sant Ravidas Global Skill Park with Singapore, where about 10,000 children will be given job training every year. 20 per cent of the land will be reserved for setting up the industry for SC/ST category.

As part of the socio-economic and financial inclusion strategy of the Government to ensure that all sections of the society, especially the Scheduled Castes, benefited, the Government has made special efforts through all concerned Ministries and Departments for the welfare of the Scheduled Castes. As per the Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan, funds are allocated through the earmarking of a certain percentage in Ministries/Departments for various schemes for the development of Scheduled Castes, where the Scheduled Castes can get targeted financial and material benefits. According to the 2011 Census, scheduled castes in Madhya Pradesh constitute 15.6 per cent (113.42 lakhs) of the total population of the state which is 7.27 crore. In line with this percentage, more than 15 per cent of the total planning of the state is earmarked for the welfare of these sections (Administrative Report of the Department for the year 2021-22).

12.2.2 Social Empowerment

The efforts made by the state government for the social empowerment of the scheduled caste community include the Social Justice and Empowerment Centers and Jan Chetna Shivirs proposed under community policing.

Social Justice and Empowerment Centers : These centre works to improve the confidence of SC/ST and minority communities by spreading awareness about their social and economic status and making them aware of their constitutional rights being done through the police station. These centre is working in every district of the state. Work to be done through these centres include settlement of land disputes, facility for farming on agricultural land allotted by the government, solution of indebtedness, identifying and helping to resolve pending cases, giving information about welfare schemes being run for SC/ST members by the government, instilling confidence in SC/ST members and such criminal cases which are to be registered include attention etc.

Jan Chetna Shivir : Through Jan Chetna Shivirs or camps, efforts are being made to redress the grievances of SC/ST members by strengthening their sense of security. Apart from this, they are also given information about the relevant schemes of the government, legal provisions and rights.

12.2.3 Key Initiatives and Schemes of the Department of Scheduled Caste Welfare

This department has been entrusted with the responsibility of the development and protection of the interest of scheduled castes. To fulfil this responsibility, the department is implementing schemes for educational development as well as schemes for social and economic empowerment. The Scheduled Caste Welfare Department is the nodal department for the oversight of the various schemes prepared by various development departments for the upliftment of the Scheduled Castes under the Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan and the budget/schemes earmarked for them.

Relief from Atrocities

The department has also been made the nodal department for the implementation of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 for effective control of atrocities on Scheduled Castes/Tribes. A special police station has been established in each district. Special courts have been set up in 43 districts of the state and district courts in the remaining districts have been notified to hear cases registered under the aforementioned Act of 1989. In the year 2021-22, more than 10,000 such cases have been resolved and more than Rs 135 crore relief amount has been provided. In the year 2022-23, till the month of September 2022, more than 8000 victims have been provided relief (data received from the department).

Schemes and Initiatives in the Field of Education

Hostels and Scholarship- Apart from accepting and disbursing various types of scholarships to Scheduled Caste students, the department is running 571 junior hostels for classes 6 to 8 students and 1153 (senior hostels) for classes 9 to 12 students. Apart from this, 20 hostels are being operated for 10 divisional-level Gyanodaya residential schools. 189 college hostels are operated for students studying in college. Residential facilities are being provided to approx. One lakh student in all these hostels. The amount/rates of scholarship to be provided to the hostel students is determined every

year in the month of July. In 2022-23, this amount has been increased to Rs.1460/- per month for boys and Rs.1500/- per month for girls.

Pre-Matric Scholarship

This scholarship is given to boys and girls from classes 1 to 10 for 10 months. Girls from class 1 to 5 will get Rs. 250/-, the children of class 6th to 8th Rs. 200/- and girls Rs. 600/- and for the children of class 9th to 10th Rs. 600/- and for girls Rs. 1200/- are credited to their account. (Source: Data received from the department)

Post Matric Scholarship

This scholarship scheme is operated for Scheduled Caste students from class 11th to college. Under the scheme, students are provided tuition fees and other compulsory fees at the rates of AFRC/PURC in professional courses and at the rates of government educational institutions in other courses. Under the scheme, in the year 2021-22, a scholarship amounting to Rs 480.59 crore has been disbursed, benefiting 541314 students. For the year 2022-23, till December 2022, a scholarship amounting to Rs 328.92 crore has been disbursed.

Study Abroad Scholarship

In the year 2021-22, 48 students got scholarships to study abroad with a total of Rs 811.66 lakh having been spent. In the year 2022-23, 11 students have been selected and an amount of Rs 569.38 lakh has been spent till November 2022. Presently 44 recipient students are studying abroad.

Pre-Examination Training Centre

There are 7 such training centres in each of the Divisional Headquarters - Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Rewa, Sagar, Gwalior and Ujjain for helping SC/ST youths prepare for civil services examination organized by the MP Public Service Commission in addition to preparation for Bank, Railway, PUVIS service, Life Insurance Corporation etc.

Coaching from reputed coaching institutes for the preparation of UPSC civil service exam

Coaching is given to 100 candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes in 4 prestigious coaching institutes located in New Delhi for the preparation of UPSC Civil Services Preliminary Examination / Main Examination and Interview. A lump sum amount is given to the candidates for the preparation of the exam.

Student Housing Assistance Scheme

A total of 101365 applications were received in the year 2021-22 claiming benefits under the housing allowance scheme for college students. An amount of Rs 9017.80 lakh has been paid thereby benefiting 78154 students.

Construction of SC Hostel/ Ashram Buildings

In the year 2021-22, the construction of 15 hostel buildings was started under the Babu Jagjivan Ram Yojana, 13 buildings are under construction and 2 have been completed. At present, a total of 1933 hostels and ashrams are operational, out of which 389 institutions are without buildings. In the year 2022-23, 109 hostel building construction works were started. In the financial

year 2022-23, the amount spent for the construction of such building till the month of November is Rs. 10.00 crore while an amount of Rs. 15.00 crore has been spent for the maintenance, repair work and painting of the hostel buildings.

Organization of Leadership Development Camp

A five-day camp is organized on the occasion of Republic Day on January 26 every year in Bhopal, for the development of personality and leadership potential among students belonging to the scheduled castes of the state. In this camp, one meritorious student and one girl student who has passed class 10th from each district are selected for participation in the camp. Apart from training to realize their leadership potential and career guidance, they are also taken on a tour of important places and get a chance to interact with the Honorable Governor, Honorable Chief Minister, Chief Secretary, and Director General of Police. From the year 2019-20, 102 students have been taken on tours of prestigious educational institutions, industrial centres, experimental schools, and sightseeing to places like New Delhi and Agra under the Bharat Darshan Yojana. In the years 2020-21 and 2021-22, the leadership development camp could not be organized due to Covid-19.

Development of SC Residential Settlements

For the infrastructural development of Scheduled Caste-dominated settlements of the state, CC roads are to be constructed in such villages/wards/mohallas/majres/tolas/paras whose SC population is 40% and above. There is provision for the construction of drains, Mangal Bhavan, hand pump, access road/ ramp/ culvert etc. from hostels to the main road. 80% of funds are allocated to the districts from the headquarters level and 20% from the state level. An amount of Rs 210.10 lakh was spent in the financial year 2021-22. In the year 2022-23 till November 2022, an amount of Rs.151.80 lakh was spent.

Chief Minister Skill Upgradation Training Scheme

Funds are received from the Government of India for the scheme operated under special central assistance. In the year 2021-22, through the Madhya Pradesh Council of Employment and Training (MAPCET), an amount of Rs. 29.45 crores has been disbursed for 9650 trainings. Till the month of November, 4257 training programmes have been started and 777 trainees' assessment has been completed and 328 trainees have been placed.

Savitri Bai Phule Self Help Group Scheme

Under this scheme, bank loans up to Rupees two lakh are made available to scheduled caste women living below the poverty line for taking up a small cottage industry, animal husbandry and handicraft businesses through the bank by forming a group of 5 to 10 women. According to the guidelines issued by the Government of India for the implementation of the scheme through MP State Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation, the subsidy is given at the rate of Rs.10,000/- per beneficiary. In the year 2021-22 and year 2022-23, the scheme is being implemented through various other departments such as M.P. State Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation, Horticulture and Field Forestry, Animal Husbandry and Dairy Department, Agricultural Engineering Department, M.P. State Rural Livelihood Mission (Source: Information from the department).

Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana

The scheme is run by the Government of India for the all-round development of villages with a population of at least 500 where more than 50% of the population belongs to Scheduled Castes. At present, the Scheduled Caste Welfare Department has been declared as the nodal department. An amount of Rs 20.00 lakh is provided for each village for development work. Development works are being done in 1074 selected villages by the Government of India. An amount of Rs 106.09 crore has been spent in the year 2021-22 and year 2022-23 by preparing Village Development Plan (VDP), sanctioning 15825 development works in these villages through convergence.

Inter-caste Marriage Promotion Scheme

Under this scheme, an incentive amount of Rs. 200000 /- is provided for inter-caste marriages with young men/women belonging to scheduled castes by general caste youths. In the year 2021-22, 1015 such couples have benefitted and an amount of Rs 2030.00 lakh has been paid. For the year 2022-23, till December 2022, an amount of Rs 814.00lakh has been paid, benefiting 407couples indicative of social harmony in the state.

Scheduled Caste Relief Scheme Rules 2015

The Scheduled Caste Relief Scheme Rules 1979 provide assistance to disabled people who are unable to earn a living, destitute old people, sick people who have no one to take care of them, daily labourers, agricultural labourers, small-time employed people who are unable to work due to an accident, hardship due to the death of the head of the family, destruction of the house, loss of movable property, animals etc. other economic resources. The scheme is ongoing, the relief is sanctioned by the competent authority as per the eligibility. The Divisional Commissioner / Commissioner, Scheduled Caste Development can sanction an amount of Rs.15,000/-, the District Collector can sanction an amount of Rs.10,000/-while the Assistant Commissioner / District Convenor can sanction Rs. 5,000/- under the scheme. Under the scheme, Rs 16.90 lakh relief amount has been paid to 326 beneficiaries in the year 2021-22. In the year 2022-23, Rs 12.48 lakh relief amount has been paid, benefiting 241 beneficiaries (Source: data received from the Department).

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