

Tribal Affairs

Sl. No.	Name of Schemes./Projects
1	Grant-in-aids to NGOs and for Coaching ST students for Competitive Exams
2	Vocational Training Centres in Tribal areas
3	Educational Complex in low literacy pockets
4	Support to TRIFED
5	Grant-in aid to STDCCs for MFP
6	Development of Primitive Tribal Groups
7	National ST Finance & Devt. Corporation and GIA to State Dev. & Fin. Corp.
8	Const. of Adivasi Bhavan
9	Rajiv Gandhi Fellowship for ST students
10	National Institute of Tribal Affairs
11	Top Class Education
12	National Overseas Scholarship Scheme

Vocational Training in Tribal Areas (Central Sector Scheme)

The main aim of this scheme is to develop the skill of the tribal youth in order to enable them to gain employment /self employment opportunities. This scheme was introduced in 1992-93 and is being implemented through the State Govt/ UT administration, institutions or Organization set up by the government as autonomous bodies ,educational and other institutions like local bodies and co-operative societies and Non –Government Organization. The capacity of each vocational training centre is 100 with hostel facility for 50 trainees. Each centre may cater to five vocational courses in traditional or other skills depending upon the employment potential of the area. Each tribal boy/girl is trained in two trades of his /her choice ,the course ,in each trade being for a duration of 3 months. Each trainee is attached at the end of 6 months to a master craftsman in a semi urban area for a period of 6 months to enable him to learn his skill by practical experience in each trade being of 3 months duration. There is a provision for monthly stipend and for raw materials for the trainees.

Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship Scheme (RGNF)

This scheme was introduced in the year 2005-06. Under the scheme , fellowship is provided to ST students for pursuing higher studies such as M.Phil. and Ph. D. The maximum duration of a fellowship is 5 years. Every year 667 fellowships are to be provided to ST

students . The scheme is being implemented by the University Grants Commission (UGC)on behalf of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs . Any ST student who has passed post graduation from a recognized University can apply for fellowship under the scheme.

Amount of scholarship per student :-

SL No	Item	Amount
1	Fellowship	@Rs 8000/-p.m. for initial 2 years (JRF) @Rs9000- /p.m.for remaining tenure (SRF)
2	Contingency for Humanities and Social Sciences	@Rs 10,000-/p.a.for initial 2 years @Rs20500-/p.a. for remaining tenure
3	Contingency for Sciences	@Rs12,000-/ p.a. for initial 2 years @Rs 25000- /p.a.for remaining tenure
4	Department assistance	@Rs 3000-/p.a. per student to the host institution for providing infrastructure
5	Escorts/Reader Assistance	@Rs 1000-/ p.a. in case of physically and visually handicapped candidates

Grants in aid to NGO including Coaching & allied

The Ministry has been implementing a scheme of grants –in-aid to NGOincluding Coaching &Allied for undertaking projects particularly on education, health, sanitation,etc. for the benefit of the STs in the country. Under the scheme ,projects like Residential Schools and Hostels for STs are also funded.

Programmes for Development of Primitive Tribal Groups

Since PTGs constitute the most vulnerable section among Scheduled Tribes, it becomes necessary to allocate adequate funds from Central /Centrally Sponsored and State Plan Schemes for the socio-economic development ofPTGs. However, it was observed that funds provided under other schemes for STs were not reaching the PTGs adequately. Therefore in1998-99 ,a separate 100%Central Sector Scheme for

exclusive development of PTGs was started. Based on the knowledge and experience gathered meanwhile the scheme has been improved during current financial year i.e. 2007-08 to make it more effective.

The scheme covers only the identified PTGs among Scheduled Tribes. The scheme is extremely flexible because it enables every State to focus on areas that they consider is relevant to their PTGs and their socio-cultural environment. Activities under it may include housing, land distribution, land development, agricultural development, cattle development, construction of link roads, installation of non-conventional sources of energy for lighting purposes, social security including Janshree Beema Yojana or any other innovation activity meant for the comprehensive socio-economic development of PTGs more particularly for the PTGs who are nomadic in nature.