

## CHAPTER 18

### WELFARE OF SC/ST/OBC

1. As per the 2001 Census, the total population of Delhi is 1,38,50,507 persons. According to the 2001 Census, the Scheduled Castes (SC) population of Delhi was 23.43 lakh, which was 16.92% of Delhi's total population of 138.50 lakh. At the national level, the SC population comprises 16.20% of the total population. According to census records, there is no Scheduled Tribe (ST) population in Delhi, as none of the tribes are notified as Scheduled Tribes in the city. So far, the Delhi Backward Classes (DBC) Commission of Delhi has notified 54 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 gels 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-à-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 1961-01 while the growth rate of the SC population in Delhi during this period was between 31% and 64%.
3. The literacy rate of the SC population vis-à-vis the Delhi literacy rate is shown in Table 18.4. The data reveal that the literacy rate of the SC population has steadily increased from 20.86% in 1961 to 70.85% in 2001. Although the SC literacy rate in 2001 was below Delhi's literacy rate of 81.70%, it remains above the national literacy rate of 64.80%.
4. The Delhi workforce of 45.45 lakh people in 2001 included 7.10 lakh SC persons, which is 15.62% of the total workforce. In Delhi 33% of the total population is employed and SC population of 23.43 lakh, 30% is employed.

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

5. Various educational schemes have been introduced for the benefit of SC/ST students in Delhi. 369 & 441 medical and engineering students studying in professional colleges benefited through the Book Bank Scheme in 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 respectively. Hostel facilities were also given to 96 boys and 36 girls during 2001-2002, 100 boys and 39 girls during 2002-03, and 99 boys and 33 girls during 2003-04. To assess the impact of the implementation of schemes like “Free Supply of Books and Stationery to SC/ST students, Merit Scholarship to Colleges / Professional Institutions Students belonging to SC/ST”, a study was entrusted to Delhi School of Social Work, Delhi University. The recommendation 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 Books and Stationery to 74,000 SC students. A sum of Rs.27.62 lakh for granting Scholarship to 6995, SC/ST/OBC students studying in class VIth to VIIIth under different schemes.
6. During the year 2003-04, Merit scholarships to the students belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Min. communities studying in class IX to XII & college/professional institutions were disbursed by Directorate of SC/ST in all 3891 students studying in class IX to XII & 490 students of College & Professional institutions were benefited.
7. Pre-examination coaching is also imparted to SC/ST students who appear in the various competitive examinations conducted by Staff Selection Board, UPSC, etc. under the scheme 356 & 141 SC/ST students during 2001-02 and 2002-03 were benefited respectively.
8. A new scheme has been launched w.e.f. 2003-04 under which Government will reimburse tuition fees to SC/ST students studying in public schools in class 1<sup>st</sup> to XII.
9. 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.

## **ECONOMIC UPLIFTMENT PROGRAMMES**

- 10.** The Delhi Scheduled Caste Financial and Development Corporation (DSCFDC) was set up to promote self-employment opportunities for the SC population. During the financial year 2001-02, under the general loan scheme (up to Rs. 35,000/- for self employment), the Corporation advanced margin money loan and subsidies to 399 Scheduled Castes persons and loans through various nationalized banks.

During the year 2003-04, loan was provided to 65 persons for purchase of DLY/LCV General Loan has been provided to 90 SC people and 3000 persons have been provided training in other trades. The Department also provide loan for purchase of auto rickshwas. From 2001-02 till March, 2004 in all 172 SC persons have been sanctioned financial assistance. The year-wise break up beneficiaries are 5 and 146 for 2001-02 and 2002-03 respectively.

During 2001-02 interest free loan was given to 28 students for getting higher technical education and 21 students were benefited under this scheme during 2002-03. During 2003-04, 16 students were provided interest free loan for getting higher education.

The DSCFDC granted composite loan upto Rs.50,000/- per beneficiary, to 449 beneficiaries during the year 2001-02 without involving banks. In the financial year 2002-03 loans amounting to Rs. 739.80 lakh was disbursed to 1632 applicants under composite loan scheme. However, 512.65 lakhs has been incurred to provide loan to 1521 persons under Composite Loan Scheme during 2003-04. Now the scope of the Corporation has been extended to promote self employment opportunities for OBC and minorities also and it has been declared the state channelising agency for receiving funds from the National Financial & Development Corporations for these categories at the Central level. As such new schemes for self-employment for OBC, Minorities and Safai Karamcharies were included in the Annual Plan which were implemented by DSCFDC w.e.f. 2002-03. DSCFDC has incurred an expenditure of Rs.18.60 lakh to provide loan to 40 persons belonging to OBC community for self-employment during 2002-03, 314 persons belonging to OBC community have been provided loan for self Employment during 2003-2004 .

An amount of Rs.24.65 lakh sanctioned to provide loan to 54 persons belonging to Minority community and Rs.7.50 lakh were sanctioned to benefit 23 safai Karamcharies during 2002-03 for self employment. During 2003-04, 284 persons belonging to Minority community and 325 Safai Karamcharies have been provided loan amounting to Rs.106.70 lakh for starting self employment venture. 57 SC Bus Operators have been released a sum of Rs.92.00 lakh by DSCFDC to convert their diesel buses into CNG during 2002-03. This assistance was made to have eco-friendly fuel system for buses run in the city.

11. To improve the living conditions of people living in Scheduled Castes Basties, improvement work such as providing kharnjia, construction of road, side drains and construction of chaupals etc., are being carried out. During the year 2001-02, improvement works have been carried out in 97 SC Basties at a cost of Rs. 11.96 crore. In the current Annual Plan 2002-03, Rs. 13.07 crore has been incurred for carried out improvement works in 103 SC Basties. During 2003-04, a sum Rs.28.44 crores have been incurred for carrying out the improvements works in 146 SC Basties.
12. Under the scheme, liberation and rehabilitations of scavengers, 23 scavengers were given financial assistance of Rs.2.94 lakh for self employment during 2001-02. From 1997-98 to 2001-02, financial assistance of Rs.314.93 lakh have been given to 5229 persons while 671 given training under this scheme.

### **GENERAL WELFARE PROGRAMMES**

13. There are several other schemes for the benefit of the SC / ST/OBC/Economically weaker section of the population. Poor widows are given a financial grant of Rs. 10,000 for their daughter's marriages. Financial assistance was provided to 700 widows for marriage of their daughters during 2001-02 and to 872 widows during 2002-03. Enhanced financial assistance of Rs.20,000/- has been provided to 1414 widows for marriage of their daughters upto March, 2004. Financial assistance was also given to 39 orphan girls for their marriage during the year 2001-02, 29 orphan girls during 2002-03. The 51 Orphan girls have been provided enhanced financial assistance of Rs.20,000/- for their marriage during 2003-2004. Under the scheme, "financial assistance to lactating and nourishing mothers of weaker section and SC/ST", 2935 and 3000 women were

benefited during the year 2001-02 & 2002-03 respectively. Financial assistance at the rate of Rs. 10,000/- was provided to 1 SC person for construction of his House during 2002-03. Financial assistance on birth of girl child to economically weaker SC/OBC/Minority parents was provided to 55 and 60 parents during 2001-02 and 2002-03 respectively. Under the scheme of financial assistance to parents on the birth of girl child, during 2003-2004, 30 parents have been provided financial assistances @ Rs.5000/- per girl child.