MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

DEMAND NO. 93

Department of Social Justice and Empowerment

(In ₹ crores)

	Actual 2024-2025			Budget 2025-2026			Revised 2025-2026			Budget 2026-2027		
	Revenue	Capital	Total	Revenue	Capital	Total	Revenue	Capital	Total	Revenue	Capital	Total
Gross	10373.21	35.79	10409.00	14152.84	11.58	14164.42	11914.15	8.28	11922.43	14418.02	9.57	14427.59
Recoveries	*-1378.05*	*...*	*-1378.05*	*-553.42*	*...*	*-553.42*	*-519.69*	*...*	*-519.69*	*-740.00*	*...*	*-740.00*
Receipts	*...*	*...*	*...*	*...*	*...*	*...*	*...*	*...*	*...*	*...*	*...*	*...*
Net	**8995.16**	**35.79**	**9030.95**	**13599.42**	**11.58**	**13611.00**	**11394.46**	**8.28**	**11402.74**	**13678.02**	**9.57**	**13687.59**
A. The Budget allocations, net of recoveries, are given below:												
CENTRE'S EXPENDITURE												
Establishment Expenditure of the Centre												
1. Secretariat	75.45	4.70	80.15	65.25	4.96	70.21	65.25	4.96	70.21	67.23	4.96	72.19
National Commissions												
2. National Commission for Scheduled Castes	67.55	1.54	69.09	38.50	2.50	41.00	33.90	2.10	36.00	37.90	2.10	40.00
3. National Commission for Backward Classes	7.81	...	7.81	19.00	3.00	22.00	11.55	0.45	12.00	16.70	1.30	18.00
4. National Commission for Safai Karamcharis	11.50	0.02	11.52	13.29	0.71	14.00	11.34	0.66	12.00	13.29	0.71	14.00
Total-National Commissions	**86.86**	**1.56**	**88.42**	**70.79**	**6.21**	**77.00**	**56.79**	**3.21**	**60.00**	**67.89**	**4.11**	**72.00**
5. Development and Welfare Board for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities	0.82	...	0.82	5.00	...	5.00	3.00	...	3.00	5.00	...	5.00
6. Commission under Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 to examine the matter of according SC status to new persons, who claim to historically have belonged to SC but have converted to religion other than those mentioned in Presidential Order	1.42	0.02	1.44	4.14	0.36	4.50	1.54	0.06	1.60	2.05	0.45	2.50
7. Actual Recoveries (Estt.)	-0.13	...	-0.13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total-Establishment Expenditure of the Centre	**164.42**	**6.28**	**170.70**	**145.18**	**11.53**	**156.71**	**126.58**	**8.23**	**134.81**	**142.17**	**9.52**	**151.69**
Central Sector Schemes/Projects												
8. Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS) for SCs												
8.01 National Fellowship for SCs	209.50	...	209.50	212.00	...	212.00	220.00	...	220.00	230.00	...	230.00
8.02 Free Coaching for SCs and OBCs	17.68	...	17.68	20.00	...	20.00	7.00	...	7.00	20.00	...	20.00
8.03 Top Class Education for SCs	103.26	...	103.26	110.00	...	110.00	112.00	...	112.00	120.00	...	120.00
8.04 National Overseas Scholarship for SCs	74.18	...	74.18	130.00	...	130.00	110.00	...	110.00	125.00	...	125.00
Total- Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS) for SCs	*404.62*	*...*	*404.62*	*472.00*	*...*	*472.00*	*449.00*	*...*	*449.00*	*495.00*	*...*	*495.00*
9. Scheme of Residential Education for Students in High School in Targeted Area (SRESHTA) for SCs	109.78	...	109.78	140.00	...	140.00	140.00	...	140.00	150.00	...	150.00

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	Revenue	Capital	Total	Revenue	Capital	Total	Revenue	Capital	Total	Revenue	Capital	Total
10. Vanchit Ikai Samooh aur Vargon ki Arthik Sahayata (VISVAS) Yojana	23.44	...	23.44	50.27	...	50.27	50.27	...	50.27	50.27	...	50.27
11. Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi (PM DAKSH) Yojana	79.40	...	79.40	130.00	...	130.00	20.00	...	20.00	...	...	...
12. Venture Capital Fund for SCs and OBCs	...	29.51	29.51	...	0.02	0.02	...	0.02	0.02	...	0.02	0.02
13. Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS) for OBCs and EBCs												
13.01 National Fellowship for OBCs	148.19	...	148.19	190.13	...	190.13	105.30	...	105.30	181.15	...	181.15
13.02 Interest Subsidy on Overseas Studies of OBCs and EBCs	9.49	...	9.49	60.00	...	60.00	0.18	...	0.18	0.10	...	0.10
Total- Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS) for OBCs and EBCs	*157.68*	*...*	*157.68*	*250.13*	*...*	*250.13*	*105.48*	*...*	*105.48*	*181.25*	*...*	*181.25*
14. Scheme for Economic Empowerment of DNT/NT/SNTs (SEED)	35.16	...	35.16	39.40	...	39.40	61.56	...	61.56	101.00	...	101.00
15. Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood & Enterprise (SMILE)												
15.01 Comprehensive Rehabilitation of Persons Engaged in the Act of Begging	9.65	...	9.65	30.00	...	30.00	25.00	...	25.00	30.00	...	30.00
15.02 Comprehensive Rehabilitation for Welfare of Transgender Persons	5.14	...	5.14	76.87	...	76.87	35.00	...	35.00	76.87	...	76.87
Total- Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood & Enterprise (SMILE)	*14.79*	*...*	*14.79*	*106.87*	*...*	*106.87*	*60.00*	*...*	*60.00*	*106.87*	*...*	*106.87*
16. Information, Monitoring, Evaluation and Social Audit	8.77	...	8.77	6.11	...	6.11	6.11	...	6.11	...	...	...
17. National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE)	35.64	...	35.64	130.00	...	130.00	100.00	...	100.00	110.00	...	110.00
18. Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY)-CS												
18.01 Support from Senior Citizen Welfare Fund (SCWF)	262.01	...	262.01	289.69	...	289.69	289.69	...	289.69	385.00	...	385.00
18.02 Amount Met from Senior Citizen Welfare Fund (SCWF)	-262.01	...	-262.01	-289.69	...	-289.69	-289.69	...	-289.69	-385.00	...	-385.00
Net	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19. Actual Recoveries (CS)	-30.37	...	-30.37	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total-Central Sector Schemes/Projects	**838.91**	**29.51**	**868.42**	**1324.78**	**0.02**	**1324.80**	**992.42**	**0.02**	**992.44**	**1194.39**	**0.02**	**1194.41**
Other Central Sector Expenditure												
Autonomous Bodies												
20. Baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Foundation	30.00	...	30.00	35.00	...	35.00	34.50	...	34.50	35.00	...	35.00
21. National Institute of Social Defence	18.00	...	18.00	22.00	...	22.00	18.00	...	18.00	19.00	...	19.00
Total-Autonomous Bodies	**48.00**	**...**	**48.00**	**57.00**	**...**	**57.00**	**52.50**	**...**	**52.50**	**54.00**	**...**	**54.00**
Public Sector Undertakings												
22. National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation	...	...	...	...	0.01	0.01	...	0.01	0.01	...	0.01	0.01
23. National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation	...	...	...	...	0.01	0.01	...	0.01	0.01	...	0.01	0.01
24. National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation	...	...	...	...	0.01	0.01	...	0.01	0.01	...	0.01	0.01
Total-Public Sector Undertakings	**...**	**...**	**...**	**...**	**0.03**	**0.03**	**...**	**0.03**	**0.03**	**...**	**0.03**	**0.03**
Others												
25. Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	7.00	...	7.00	8.50	...	8.50	7.00	...	7.00	6.50	...	6.50

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	Revenue	Capital	Total	Revenue	Capital	Total	Revenue	Capital	Total	Revenue	Capital	Total
Total-Other Central Sector Expenditure	**55.00**	**...**	**55.00**	**65.50**	**0.03**	**65.53**	**59.50**	**0.03**	**59.53**	**60.50**	**0.03**	**60.53**
TRANSFERS TO STATES/UTs												
Centrally Sponsored Schemes												
Umbrella Scheme for Development of Schedule Castes												
26. Post Matric Scholarship for SCs	5581.49	...	5581.49	6360.00	...	6360.00	6000.00	...	6000.00	6360.00	...	6360.00
27. Pre Matric Scholarship for SCs and Others	461.66	...	461.66	577.96	...	577.96	577.96	...	577.96	577.96	...	577.96
28. Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM AJAY)	736.28	...	736.28	2140.00	...	2140.00	1250.00	...	1250.00	2140.00	...	2140.00
29. Strengthening of Machinery for Enforcement of Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1995 and Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989	495.19	...	495.19	463.00	...	463.00	468.00	...	468.00	550.00	...	550.00
Total-Umbrella Scheme for Development of Schedule Castes	**7274.62**	**...**	**7274.62**	**9540.96**	**...**	**9540.96**	**8295.96**	**...**	**8295.96**	**9627.96**	**...**	**9627.96**
Umbrella Programme for Development of Other Vulnerable Groups												
30. PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India (PM YASASVI) for OBCs, EBCs and DNTs												
30.01 Post Matric Scholarship for OBCs, EBCs and DNTs	895.48	...	895.48	1250.00	...	1250.00	1000.00	...	1000.00	1300.00	...	1300.00
30.02 Pre Matric Scholarship for OBCs, EBCs and DNTs	158.49	...	158.49	300.00	...	300.00	200.00	...	200.00	350.00	...	350.00
30.03 Boys and Girls Hostel for OBCs	31.83	...	31.83	40.00	...	40.00	40.00	...	40.00	100.00	...	100.00
30.04 Top Class Colleges	216.95	...	216.95	500.00	...	500.00	220.00	...	220.00	550.00	...	550.00
30.05 Top Class Schools	30.55	...	30.55	100.00	...	100.00	40.00	...	40.00	20.00	...	20.00
Total- PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India (PM YASASVI) for OBCs, EBCs and DNTs	*1333.30*	*...*	*1333.30*	*2190.00*	*...*	*2190.00*	*1500.00*	*...*	*1500.00*	*2320.00*	*...*	*2320.00*
31. Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY)												
31.01 Support from Senior Citizens Welfare Fund (SCWF)	146.13	...	146.13	263.73	...	263.73	230.00	...	230.00	355.00	...	355.00
31.02 Amount met from Senior Citizens Welfare Fund (SCWF)	-146.13	...	-146.13	-263.73	...	-263.73	-230.00	...	-230.00	-355.00	...	-355.00
Net	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
32. National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR)	268.32	...	268.32	333.00	...	333.00	420.00	...	420.00	333.00	...	333.00
Total-Umbrella Programme for Development of Other Vulnerable Groups	**1601.62**	**...**	**1601.62**	**2523.00**	**...**	**2523.00**	**1920.00**	**...**	**1920.00**	**2653.00**	**...**	**2653.00**
33. Actual Recoveries (CSS)	-939.41	...	-939.41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total-Centrally Sponsored Schemes	**7936.83**	**...**	**7936.83**	**12063.96**	**...**	**12063.96**	**10215.96**	**...**	**10215.96**	**12280.96**	**...**	**12280.96**
Grand Total	***8995.16***	***35.79***	***9030.95***	***13599.42***	***11.58***	***13611.00***	***11394.46***	***8.28***	***11402.74***	***13678.02***	***9.57***	***13687.59***
B. Developmental Heads												
General Services												
1. Council of Ministers	0.01	...	0.01	0.04	...	0.04	0.04	...	0.04	0.04	...	0.04

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Total-General Services	**0.01**	**...**	**0.01**	**0.04**	**...**	**0.04**	**0.04**	**...**	**0.04**	**0.04**	**...**	**0.04**
Social Services												
2. Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and Minorities	1247.99	...	1247.99	2013.62	...	2013.62	1398.95	...	1398.95	1898.34	...	1898.34
3. Social Security and Welfare	241.03	...	241.03	393.38	...	393.38	425.51	...	425.51	384.87	...	384.87
4. Secretariat-Social Services	75.31	...	75.31	65.21	...	65.21	65.21	...	65.21	67.19	...	67.19
5. Capital Outlay on Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes , Other Backward Classes and Minorities	...	29.51	29.51	...	0.05	0.05	...	0.05	0.05	...	0.05	0.05
6. Capital Outlay on other Social Services	...	6.28	6.28	...	11.53	11.53	...	8.23	8.23	...	9.52	9.52
Total-Social Services	**1564.33**	**35.79**	**1600.12**	**2472.21**	**11.58**	**2483.79**	**1889.67**	**8.28**	**1897.95**	**2350.40**	**9.57**	**2359.97**
Others												
7. North Eastern Areas	...	...	...	498.11	...	498.11	400.00	...	400.00	515.72	...	515.72
8. Grants-in-aid to State Governments	7417.87	...	7417.87	10561.06	...	10561.06	9041.75	...	9041.75	10743.86	...	10743.86
9. Grants-in-aid to Union Territory Governments	12.95	...	12.95	68.00	...	68.00	63.00	...	63.00	68.00	...	68.00
Total-Others	**7430.82**	**...**	**7430.82**	**11127.17**	**...**	**11127.17**	**9504.75**	**...**	**9504.75**	**11327.58**	**...**	**11327.58**
Grand Total	**8995.16**	**35.79**	**9030.95**	**13599.42**	**11.58**	**13611.00**	**11394.46**	**8.28**	**11402.74**	**13678.02**	**9.57**	**13687.59**

	Budget Support	IEBR	Total	Budget Support	IEBR	Total	Budget Support	IEBR	Total	Budget Support	IEBR	Total
C. Investment in Public Enterprises												
1. National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation	...	731.63	731.63	0.01	968.23	968.24	0.01	781.63	781.64	0.01	831.63	831.64
2. National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation	...	255.10	255.10	0.01	15.25	15.26	0.01	16.30	16.31	0.01	18.00	18.01
3. National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation	...	527.54	527.54	0.01	552.84	552.85	0.01	527.60	527.61	0.01	751.91	751.92
Total	**...**	**1514.27**	**1514.27**	**0.03**	**1536.32**	**1536.35**	**0.03**	**1325.53**	**1325.56**	**0.03**	**1601.54**	**1601.57**

1. **Secretariat:** The provision is for establishment related expenditure on the Secretariat of the Department.

2. **National Commission for Scheduled Castes:** The provision is made for establishment expenditure of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes.

3. **National Commission for Backward Classes:** The provision is made for National Commission for Backward Classes.

4. **National Commission for Safai Karamcharis:** The provisions is made for the National Commission for Safai Karmcharis.

5. **Development and Welfare Board for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities:** The provision is for Development and Welfare Board for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Communities

6. **Commission under Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 to examine the matter of according SC status to new persons, who claim to historically have belonged to SC but have converted to religion other than those mentioned in Presidential Order:** Commission under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 to examine the matter of according Scheduled Caste status to new persons, who claim to have historically belonged to Scheduled Castes but have converted to religion other than those mentioned in the Presidential Orders issued from time to time under Article 341 of the Constitution of India

8. **Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS) for SCs:** This is umbrella scheme with four sub-schemes namely

8.01. **National Fellowship for SCs:** The scheme provides fellowships in the form of financial assistance to students belonging to SC category who wish to pursue higher studies leading to M.Phil and/or Ph.D in Science, Humanities, Social Science and Engineering and Technology, in Indian Universities/ Institutions/ Colleges. The implementing agency of this scheme is UGC.

8.02. **Free Coaching for SCs and OBCs:** The scheme provides coaching of good quality for economically disadvantaged Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) candidates to enable them to appear in competitive examinations for obtaining admission in higher education institutions and securing an appropriate job in the Public/Private Sector.

8.03. **Top Class Education for SCs:** The scheme ensures empowerment of the SCs through providing a larger amount of scholarship for tuition fees, living expenses, books and a computer to meritorious students securing admission in shortlisted top class education institutions of excellence.

8.04. **National Overseas Scholarship for SCs:** This scheme facilitates the low- income students belonging to the Scheduled Castes, De-notified Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Tribes, Landless Agricultural Labourers and Traditional Artisans category to obtain higher education viz., Master Degree or Ph.D. courses by studying abroad thereby improving their economic and social status.

9. **Scheme of Residential Education for Students in High School in Targeted Area (SRESHTA) for SCs:** The objective of SHRESHTA is to enhance the reach of development Intervention of the Government and to fill the gap in service deficient SCs dominant areas, in the sector of education through the efforts of grant-in-aid institutions (run by NGOs) and residential high schools offering high quality education and to provide environment for socio economic upliftment and over all development of the Scheduled Castes (SCs).

10. **Vanchit Ikai Samooh aur Vargon ki Arthik Sahayata (VISVAS) Yojana:** The objective of the scheme is to provide benefit of lower rate of interest to eligible poor members of Self Help Groups and individual loanees of both corporations (NBCFDC and NSFDC) of the Department through Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks and other similar financial institutions.

11. **Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi (PM DAKSH) Yojana:** The focus of the programme would be on providing high quality skills through good quality institutions so that the training can result in finding jobs or self employment ventures. Apart from this, rural artisans who have become marginalized owing to coming of better technologies in market, would be trained so as to adopt newer processes and increase their incomes. This Scheme has been merged with PM - Kaushal Vikas Yojana from 2026-27.

12. **Venture Capital Fund for SCs and OBCs:** This scheme is a social sector initiative to promote SC and OBC entrepreneurs to enter into the business and industry sector of new India and support in resource building of the country.

13. **Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS) for OBCs and EBCs:** The main objective of this scheme is educational empowerment of OBC & EBC students by way of awarding fellowship (financial assistance) to obtain quality higher education.

13.01. **National Fellowship for OBCs:** The objective of the Scheme is to provide fellowship in the form of financial assistance to students belonging to OBC category to pursue higher studies leading to M.Phil/Ph.D in science, humanities, social science and engineering and technology, in Indian universities/institutions/colleges recognized by University Grants Commission (UGC).

13.02. **Interest Subsidy on Overseas Studies of OBCs and EBCs:** The scheme is to award interest subsidy to meritorious students belonging to the Other Backward Classes and Economically Backward Classes to provide them better opportunities for higher education abroad and enhance their employability. The OBC and EBC students have benefited by getting Central Assistance from Central Government in the form of subsidy on interest accrued on education loan sanctioned for overseas studies.

14. **Scheme for Economic Empowerment of DNT/NT/SNTs (SEED):** The objectives of the Scheme are as follows. i. To provide coaching of good quality for DNT candidates to enable them to appear in competitive examinations; ii. To provide health insurance to DNT Communities iii. To facilitate livelihoods initiative at community level to build and strengthen small clusters of DNT/NT/SNT Communities institutions. iv. To provide financial assistance for construction of houses to members of the DNT Communities.

15. **Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood & Enterprise (SMILE):** The SMILE is a Central Sector Scheme which comprises several comprehensive measures for the welfare of transgender persons and persons who are engaged in the act of begging with extensive focus on rehabilitation, provision of medical facilities, counseling, education, skill development, economic linkages etc. The SMILE has the following two sub-schemes:

15.01. **Comprehensive Rehabilitation of Persons Engaged in the Act of Begging:** To make country Bhikshavritti Mukt Bharat (Begging-free) and to make a strategy for comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in begging through coordinated action of various stakeholders such as Central and State Governments, local bodies, NGOs working in this field, social activists and public at large.

15.02. **Comprehensive Rehabilitation for Welfare of Transgender Persons:** Provision has been made for formulation of welfare schemes and programmes for education, social security and health of Transgender Persons.

16. **Information, Monitoring, Evaluation and Social Audit:** 'Information and Mass Education Cell' Scheme has been renamed as 'Information-Monitoring, Evaluation and Social Audit (I-MESA)'. The scheme has following components: i) Information Dissemination. ii) Monitoring of the field level disputes by a Project Management Unit (PMU). iii) Monitoring the progress of schemes through an IT platform which will be designed and maintained by a Technology Service Group (TSG). iv) Setting up of central Smart surveillance Unit (CSSU) v) Evaluation & Study of the schemes by expert agencies once in 5 years. vi) Social Audit of the outcomes of the schemes by an in-depth examination of the scheme implementation through the community with special focus on the stakeholders.

17. **National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE):** To bring renewed efforts bringing in an ecosystem for mechanised cleaning.

18. **Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY)-CS:** This Scheme implements components : (i) Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana (RVY), (ii) National Helpline, Awareness, training and capacity building (iii) Senior -Care Ageing Growth Engine (SAGE) (iv) Training of Geriatric care Givers (v) Other Initiatives for Senior Citizens

20. **Baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Foundation:** The main objective of Dr Ambedkar Foundation, inter alia includes implementation of programmes and activities for furthering the ideology and message of Dr Ambedkar among the masses in India as well as abroad. The Foundation has been entrusted with the responsibility

of managing, administering and carrying on the important and long term schemes and programmes identified during the Centenary Celebrations of Dr B R Ambedkar.

21. **National Institute of Social Defence:** The National Institute of Social Defence, an autonomous organization under the Ministry, is the nodal Training Institute for interventions in the area of Social Defence. The Institute is mainly involved in conducting training and awareness programmes pertaining to care for Senior Citizens, Drug Abuse Prevention and other Social Defence issues, in collaboration with State Level Coordinating Agencies (formerly known as Regional Resource & Training Centres (RRTCs)), Schools, Colleges, Universities, NSS, NYKs, SIRDs, PRIs, Police Academies and other Institutes/Organisations.

22. **National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation:** The provision is for providing share capital to National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation.

23. **National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation:** The provision is for providing share capital to National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation.

24. **National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation:** The provision is for providing share capital to National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation.

25. **Other Miscellaneous Expenditure:** The objective is to provide scholarship assistance to children who have lost both the parents or legal guardian or adoptive parents or surviving parent to COVID-19 pandemic, to continue their education without any hindrance.

26. **Post Matric Scholarship for SCs:** The objective of the scheme is to appreciably increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio of SC students in higher education with a focus on those from the poorest households, by providing financial assistance at post-matriculation or post secondary stage to enable them to complete their education.

27. **Pre Matric Scholarship for SCs and Others:** The scheme aims to support, through financial assistance, parents of children belonging to Schedules Caste and other disadvantaged categories for education of their wards studying at the Pre-Matric stage so that their participation improves, the incidence of drop-out - especially in the transition from the primary to the next level and elementary to the secondary stage is minimized, they perform better and have a better chance of progressing to the Post-matric stage of education.

28. **Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM AJAY):** The Scheme of PMAJAY, merges 3 existing schemes of the Ministry - Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan (SCA to SCSP), Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY) and Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana (BJRCY) which aim at reducing poverty of the SC communities by generation of additional employment opportunities through skill development, income generating schemes and other initiatives to improve socio-economic developmental indicators by ensuring adequate infrastructure and requisite services in the SC dominated villages.

29. **Strengthening of Machinery for Enforcement of Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1995 and Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989:** The Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the implementation of the PCR Act, 1995 and the SC/ST (PoA) Act, 1989 has following major components: i) Inter caste marriages where one of the spouses is a member of a Scheduled Caste, ii) Relief and rehabilitation of the atrocity victims/their dependents, iii) Setting up the Exclusive Special Courts for trying the atrocity cases, iv) Strengthening of the SC/ST protection cells and special Police Stations v) Awareness generation and publicity.

30. **PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India (PM YASASVI) for OBCs, EBCs and DNTs:** Five Centrally Sponsored Schemes for educational empowerment of OBCs, EBCs and DNTs namely Pre Matric Scholarship for OBCs, Post Matric Scholarship for OBCs, Dr. Ambedkar Post Matric Scholarship for EBCs, Dr. Ambedkar Pre and Post Matric Scholarship for DNTs and Boys and Girls Hostel for OBCs are merged into a single Scheme namely PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India (PM YASASVI) for OBCs, EBCs and DNTs with five sub-schemes.

30.01. **Post Matric Scholarship for OBCs, EBCs and DNTs:** The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to OBC, EBC and DNT students to pursue studies post Matriculation/Secondary stage and to enable them to complete their education.

30.02. **Pre Matric Scholarship for OBCs, EBCs and DNTs:** The main objective of the scheme is to extend financial assistance to OBC, EBC and DNT students by way of scholarship for the class 9th and 10th.

30.03. **Boys and Girls Hostel for OBCs:** The Scheme aims at providing hostel facilities to students belonging to socially and educationally backward classes, especially from rural areas, to enable them to pursue secondary and higher education.

30.04. **Top Class Colleges:** The objective of the scheme is to recognize and promote quality education amongst Students belonging to OBC, EBC and DNT categories by providing full financial support. The scheme covers OBC/EBC/DNT students for pursuing studies beyond class XIIth.

30.05. **Top Class Schools:** The objective of the scheme is to provide premium education to the meritorious students belonging to OBC, EBC and DNT categories by funding their education from Class 9 onwards till they complete class 12.

31. **Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY):** The scheme has two components:(i) Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPSrC) for assistance to Senior Citizen Homes, Regional Resource and Training Centres, Continuous Care Homes for senior citizens suffering from Dementia/ Alzheimer s disease. ii) State Action Plan for Senior Citizens (SAPSrC) comprises a long- term strategy for five years. The Union Ministry releases funds to the States/UTs for formulation and implementation of their State Action Plans. The States/ UTs are expected to put in their own funds to augment the resources available for this purpose.

32. **National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR):** The NAPDDR is a standalone Centrally Sponsored Scheme with Central Sector Components, formulated with the following objectives: i) Drug Demand reduction in the country by focusing on preventive education, awareness generation, identification, counseling, treatment and rehabilitation of drug dependent persons, training and capacity building of the service providers through collaborative efforts of the Central and State Governments and Non-Governmental Organizations. ii) Create awareness and educate people about the ill-effects of drugs abuse on the individual, family, workplace and the society at large and reduce stigmatization of and discrimination against, groups and individuals dependent on drugs in order to integrate them back into the society.