

## Tribal Affairs

Sl. No	Name of Schemes/Projects
1	Scheme of PMS,Book Bank and Upgradation of Merit of ST Students
2	Scheme of hostels for ST students
3	Ashram schools for TSP Areas
4	Research & Mass Education, Tribal Festivals and others

### **Girls Hostels for Scheduled Tribes (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)**

The Scheme Of Girls Hostels which started in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Plan ,is a useful instrument for spreading education among ST girls, whose literacy rate still stands at 34.76 %as per 2001 census as against the general female literacy rate of 54.28%. Under the Scheme ,central assistance is given to States/ UTs for construction of new hostel building and /or extension of existing hostels . In this scheme the cost of construction of the hostel building is equally shared between the Centre and the State in ratio of 50:50 . The cost of the construction is based on the State PWD schedule of rates or local CPWD schedule of rates ,whichever is lower. Maintenance of the hostel is the responsibility of the concerned States/ UTs . The number of seats in a hostel is up to 100%. The hostels are for ST girls studying in primary, middle, secondary, college and university levels.

### **Boys Hostel for Scheduled Tribes (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)**

The objectives ,terms and conditions as wellas the pattern of assistance of the Scheme are the same as that of the Scheme for Girls Hostels. The Scheme is in operation since 1989-90. The Scheme of Boys hostels has been merged with the Scheme of Girls Hostels since the beginning of the 10<sup>th</sup> Plan period

### **Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe Students (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)**

The objective of this Scheme is to provide financial assistance to ST students pursuing Post Matriculation recognized courses in recognized institutions . The scheme covers professional ,technical as well as non professional and non technical courses at various levels and the scheme also includes correspondence courses including distance and continuing education. The scheme is implemented by the State Government and UT administrations which receive 100% central assistance over and above the committed liability which is required to be borne by them from their own budgetary provisions. The committed liability is equal to the expenditure reached in the last year of the P lan period. Accordingly ,the expenditure incurred in the last year of the 10<sup>th</sup> Plan period i.e. 2006-07 ,has become the committed liability of the States/ UTs which is required to be borne by them during each year of the 11<sup>th</sup> 5 year Plan period . The requirement of committed liability of North Eastern States has been dispensed with from 1997-98. The scheme is in operation since 1944-45.

The value of the existing scholarship includes maintenance allowance ,reader charges of blind students , study tour charges, thesis typing/printing charges, book allowance to students pursuing correspondence course and compulsory non-refundable fees charged by the educational institutions. The maintenance allowance for hostelers is between Rs 235/- to 740/-p.m. and for day scholars from Rs 140/- to Rs 330/- p.m. depending on the level of courses. The prescribed annual income ceiling of both parents /guardians under the scheme is up to Rs 1,08,000/- as applicable w.e.f. 1.04.2007. The income ceiling has been linked with the consumer price index for industrial workers

### **Research ,Information and Mass Media**

The scheme for research of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has three components that is:

1. Gants to Tribal Research Institutes on 50:50 sharing basis between State and the Centre.
2. Award of Research Fellowship on various aspects of tribal development on 100%.
3. Supporting projects of all India or inter state nature on 100%basis to institutes, organizations and universities for conducting research ,evaluation studies, holding seminars/workshops and for publication of literature relating to tribal issues.