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1. Earmarking/allocation of funds under TSP and its utilization during each year of 11th Five Year Plan and 12th Five Year Plan
2. Special schemes undertaken by the Ministry in respect of Scheduled Areas/Tribal Sub-Plan Areas and their effectiveness
3. Strategies/initiatives concerning requirement of the Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Areas for implementation during the 12th plan



Mission / Goals of DAC

- Ensure food security of the Nation by increased production and productivity
- Improve economic viability of farming by substantially increasing the net income of farmers and thereby their Socio-economic well-being
- Revitalizing agriculture to achieve 4 % growth
- Accelerate inclusive growth by focusing on the requirements of the SC, ST, small, marginal and women farmers



Salient Features of DAC Schemes

- Schemes implemented mainly through State/UT Governments & other implementing agencies
- Facilitative in nature rather than Welfare schemes
- Focus on crops, technologies/practices, areas, and groups and not individuals
- Encourage investment in Agriculture & Allied sectors for increased production and productivity
- Create infrastructure and other facilities so as to ensure better returns to farmers



Major Schemes of DAC

- Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA)
- Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) – State Plan Scheme
- National Food Security Mission (NFSM)
- National Horticulture Mission (NHM)
- Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH)
- Support to State Extension Programme for Extension Reforms (ATMA)
- Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM)
- Micro Irrigation
- National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS)
- National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility” (NPMSHF)



Background on Allocations under TSP

- Prior to 2011-12, no separate provision for ST component has been provided in the detailed Demand for Grants.
- While releasing funds and issuing sanctions under various schemes, condition of spending at least 8% of the amount for the benefit of STs was used to be imposed.
- However, from 2011-12 onwards, separate provision for Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) has been provided in relevant Minor Head (796) in the detailed Demand for Grants based on instructions from Ministry of Finance/ Planning Commission.

Social Group-wise Number and Area of Operational Holdings (Agri Census 2010-11)

Social Group	Number of Holdings (Million)	Percent	Operated Area (Million Ha.)	Percent	Average size of the Holding (Ha.)
SC	17.1	12.4	13.7	8.5	0.80
ST	12.0	8.7	18.3	11.5	1.53
Others	108.5	78.7	125.7	79.0	1.16
Institutional	0.2	0.2	1.5	1.0	7.50
Total	137.8	100.0	159.2	100.0	1.16

Allocations for TSP during 11th Five Year Plan and current year (2012-13)

		(Rs. in crores)	
Sl. No.	Year	Total Allocation under Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes of DAC#	Allocation under TSP*
1	2007-08 (RE)	5887.94	471.03
2	2008-09 (RE)	6933.98	554.72
3	2009-10 (RE)	7218.16	577.45
4	2010-11 (RE)	10492.00	839.36
5	2011-12 (RE)	8654.18	692.33*
6	2012-13 (BE)	10991.00	882.59*
	# This total allocation excludes allocations under the RKVY, which is a State Plan scheme and Shifting Cultivation scheme * Allocations made for TSP under the separate Minor Head (796)		

Division-wise allocations for 2011-12 and 2012-13 & Expenditure during 2011-12 under TSP

S. No.	Scheme / Division	(Rs. in crores)		
		Allocation under TSP		Expenditure under TSP
		2011-12	2012-13	2011-12
1	Agriculture Extension & Training	40.00	82.25	38.63
2	Seeds	18.14	20.00	18.46
3	Integrated Nutrient Management	1.30	-	-
4	Crops	128.46	173.10	107.36
5	Technology Mission on Oil Seeds & Pulses	31.87	25.00	45.36
6	Horticulture	348.50	433.00	312.04
7	Information Technology	9.00	12.00	1.12
8	Credit & Crops Insurance	40.06	45.00	40.06
9	Macro Management	75.00	90.00	75.00
10	Mechanisation & Technology	-	2.00	-
11	New Missions (3)	-	0.24	-
	Total	692.33	882.59	638.03



Special Provisions for ST farmers

- Under the NFSM, at least 33% allocation of the fund is to be made for small, marginal and women farmers. The seed mini kits will be distributed to the farmers free of cost. Preference will be given to progressive, small, marginal, women and SC/ST farmers.
- Support to State Extension Programme for Extension Reforms (ATMA): (a) Encourage agriculture lending institutions to increase the availability of capital to resource poor and marginal farmers, especially SC, ST and women farmers. (b) At least 50% beneficiaries must be Small and Marginal Farmers and 30% beneficiaries should be women farmers / farm women. (c) Minimum 10% of Beneficiary Contribution should be ensured for the activities. However, beneficiary contribution in respect of SC, ST, Women beneficiaries as well as for beneficiaries belonging to North Eastern and Hilly States would be 5 percent.

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Special Provisions for ST farmers (Contd....)

- Agri Clinics/Agri Business Centres Scheme: Margin money for setting up a venture by SCs/STs is 5% of the project cost whereas it is 10% for a general category entrepreneur. If SC/ST beneficiary is not in a position to contribute the margin money from his own resources, soft loan assistance up to 5% of project cost subject to maximum of Rs.5.00 lakhs is provided by NABARD to meet shortfall in margin money contribution. Credit linked capital subsidy @ 33.33% in respect of candidates belonging to SC, ST, women and other disadvantaged sections as opposed to 25% for general category.
- Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM): Under the programme for development of Oil Palm, assistance for drip irrigation component is 50% of the cost for small/marginal, SC/ST and women farmers with ceiling ranging from Rs.7400 to Rs.9300 and 35% for other categories with a ceiling of Rs.5200 to Rs.6500.

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Special Provisions for ST farmers (Contd....)

- Development/Strengthening of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure, Grading & Standardization: Rate of subsidy shall be 25% of the capital cost of the project with a ceiling of Rs.50 lakhs for each project. It will, however, be 33% in case of North Eastern States, hilly and tribal areas and to entrepreneurs belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST) with a ceiling of Rs.60 lakhs.
- Gramin Bhandaran Yojana: Under the revised scheme, subsidy @ 25% will be given to all categories of farmers, agriculture graduates, cooperatives & CWC/SWCs. All other categories of individual companies and corporations would be given subsidy @ 15% of the project cost. In case of NE States/hilly areas and SC/ST entrepreneurs and their cooperatives and women farmers, subsidy shall be 33.33%.



DAC Schemes during 12th Five Year Plan

- Activities of DAC being reorganized into only 5 missions and 5 programmes so as to have a greater focus and avoid overlapping
- All the additional concessions for disadvantaged sections including STs being provided under various components would continue in the 12th Plan
- Practice of providing funds to TSP under separate budget head (Minor Head 796) is being continued in 12th Plan



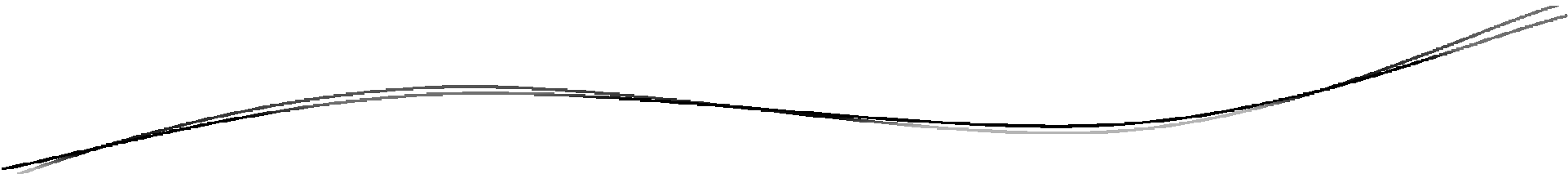
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**Implementation of
reservation policy for
Scheduled Tribes in the
DAC(Proper)**

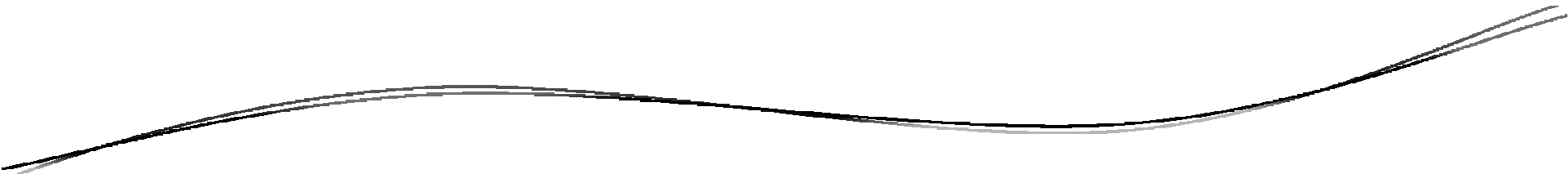
The Group-wise percentage of representation of STs in the DAC(Proper) is as under:-

S.No.	Group	Sancti oned	Filled	No. of STs	% of STs
1.	A	249	187	3	2.7%
2.	B	701	523	21	4%
3.	C	581	493	41	8.3%
	Total	1503	1203	65	5.40%

As on 01.04.2012

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- All the sanctioned posts are not filled by the DAC. Many of these posts, particularly those in Group- A & B, are either encadred in under Central Staffing Scheme or are encadred in ISS, IES, CSS/CSSS etc. For the posts which are filled by the other cadre authorities, the reservation aspect of SC/ST/OBC/PH is taken care of by the respective cadre authority and not by the DAC. Further, the reservation is provided only to those posts which are filled by direct recruitment or promotion, since reservation is not applicable in other modes.

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- There has been increase in the number of ST employees in the Department. As on 2.7.1997, the percentage of STs was 3⁰%, which rose to 4.7⁰% as on 1.4.2003 and now it is 5.4⁰%.
 - In the Special Recruitment Drive 2008, 5 ST vacancies had been identified out of which 3 vacancies are filled up.

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- Wherever, the posts are filled by promotion & direct recruitment, the reservation to SCs/STs/OBCs is provided. It may be pertinent to mention here that the reservation aspect is further determined by some other factors like ensuring that reservation of fresh vacancies does not exceed 50% of the total vacancies in a particular recruitment year, non-availability of SC/ST candidates in the feeder category, reservation not being applicable to posts filled by promotion within Group-A by the method of selection etc. It is for these reasons that the representation of SCs (15%), STs(7½%) & OBCs(27%) may not be in proportion to the overall sanctioned strength.



MAINTENANCE OF ROSTERS

- As per instructions of the DOPT, reservation rosters are being maintained for determining reservation for STs and filling those posts accordingly.
- While filling posts on ad-hoc promotion, reservation for STs is also implemented.

Liaison Officer for ST

- Before any post is filled by direct recruitment or promotion, concurrence of the Liaison Officer for SCs/STs is invariably obtained. In order to lay emphasis for providing reservation to STs in the DAC(Proper), a Deputy Secretary belonging to ST, Mr. H. Kam Suanthang, has been nominated as the Liaison Officer for SC/ST.

~~MISCELLANEOUS FACTS~~

- No post reserved for ST has been interchanged with SCs and vice-versa since 2003-04.
- No proposal for de-reservation of ST vacancies in respect of the post in the DAC (Proper) has been sent to the National Commission for STs.
- While conducting meetings of Selection Committee/DPCs, a SC/ST official is invariably co-opted.



GRIEVANCES

- For redressal of grievances of ST employees, no separate procedure has been prescribed in this Department, however, as a general policy, the grievance of SC/ST employees are looked into sympathetically for redressal e.g. recently, requests were made by 3 ST employees for their posting in Nagpur which was duly acceded to.
- Only one grievance of a ST employee was received in year 2010, which was disposed of.

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- The general Computerized Grievance Management System, called (CPGRAM) administered by the D/AR&PG, which also generates the grievances of ST employees along with general aggrieved persons is fully operationalized in the department since its inception from the year 2005. Recently, this system has been decentralized also all the Divisional Head Level in the department to facilitate the speedy disposal of grievances.
- No case of sexual harassment of ST women employees has been brought to the notice of this Department.

~~Responsibility Centers under DAC~~

- Besides the main Secretariat of the DAC, DAC has the following number of offices:

1. Attached Offices	-	4
2. Subordinate Offices	-	21
3. PSUs	-	2
4. Autonomous Bodies	-	7
5. Authority	-	1
Total	-	35

List of Responsibility Centers under DAC

S. No.	Name of the Organisation
1	Northern Region Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institute (FMTTI), Hisar
2	Southern Region FMTTI, Anantapur
3	North Eastern Region FMTTI, Biswanath Chariali
4	Central Region FMTTI, Budni
5	Directorate of Marketing & Inspection, Faridabad
6	National Institute of Agricultural Marketing, Jaipur
7	Small Farmers Agri-business Consortium, New Delhi
8	Directorate of Sugarcane Development, Lucknow
9	Directorate of Tobacco Development, Chennai
10	Directorate of Extension, New Delhi

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11	MANAGE, Hyderabad
12	Directorate of Cashewnut, Kochi
13	Directorate of Arecanut, Kozhikode
14	State Farmers Corporation of India, New Delhi
15	Directorate of Jute Development, Kolkata
16	National Center for Organic Farming, Ghaziabad
17	Central Fertilizer Quality Control & Training Institute, Faridabad
18	Directorate of Oil Development, Hyderabad
19	NOVOD Board, Gurgaon
20	Directorate of Economics & Statistics, New Delhi

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21	Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices, New Delhi
22	National Horticulture Board, Gurgaon
23	Coconut Development Board, Kochi
24	National Seeds Corporation, New Delhi
25	Directorate of Millets Development, Jaipur
26	Directorate of Rice Development, Patna
27	Directorate of Wheat Development, Ghaziabad
28	Directorate of Pulses, Bhopal
29	Directorate of Plant Protection Quarantine & Storage, Faridabad
30	All India Soil and Land Use Survey, New Delhi
31	National Cooperative Development Corporation, New Delhi
32	Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers Rights Authority, New Delhi#
33	Directorate of Cotton Development, Mumbai*
34	Office of Agri. Minister, Rome*
35	National Seed Research & Training Centre, Varanasi*

#Adm. Matter dealt by Dte of PPQ&S

*Information not recd.

Representation of STs in the Responsibility Centers of DAC

Reference Date	Total Sanctioned Posts	Total Posts Filled	Total No. of ST Employees	% of ST Employees to Total
As on 02.07.1997	4969	4009	219	5.5
As on 01.04.2003	7136	5412	317	5.9
As on 01.04.2012	8507	5944	334	5.6



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