

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND BACKWARD
CLASSES**

To

All the Heads of the Department/
All the Divisional Commissioners/Deputy Commissioners /
ADC (Development)-Cum- Nodal Officers Special Component Plan
in the State of Punjab.

No. 3/2/2003-SA II/474

Dated , Chandigarh the 11th March, 2003

Subject :- Implementation of "Maharashtra Model" for Special Component
Plan (SCP) in the State of Punjab.

With a view to checking the diversion of Special Component Plan funds meant for the Welfare of Scheduled Castes population in the State to the general sectors, the State Government after due consideration has decided to adopt the " Maharashtra Model" for the implementation of the schemes framed under the Special Component Plan by various Departments with the following stipulations:-

- 1 The " Maharashtra Model" for Special Component Plan in the State of Punjab would be implemented w.e.f. the financial year 2003-2004. The quantification of Special Component Plan funds would be made proportionate to the percentage of the scheduled castes population of the State out of the State Plan allocation.
- 2 The allocation under the Special Component Plan would be provided in lumpsum under the single budget demand head of the Department of Welfare of SCs and BCs in proportionate to the percentage of SC population in the State, at the time of the finalization of the State Plan by the Department of Planning and in the budget by the Finance Department.

- 3 A committee consisting of Principal Secretary, Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes, Principal Secretary, Planning and Principal Secretary, Finance or their representative would allocate/decide the allocations/diversions of funds from the pooled funds of the Special Component Plan and monitor the implementation of the Special Component Plan schemes.
- 4 The Welfare Department will enhance/ reduce the allocations of beneficiary oriented schemes as per requirement of the particular scheme within the pooled funds of the Special Component Plan. However, the funds shall not be diverted from the beneficiary oriented schemes to the infrastructure oriented schemes without the approval of Planning and Finance.
- 5 The Department of Welfare will approach on a monthly basis to the Finance Department for release of funds keeping in view the schemes approved so that any curtailment of Plan during the financial year by Finance Department can be easily implemented.

In view of the above, all the Department are requested to frame Special Component Plan Schemes after undertaking detailed exercise with a view to making them effective for the upliftment of Scheduled Castes population in the State and send the same to the Directorate of Special Component Plan, Welfare Department , Punjab.

Sd/-
Under Secretary Welfare

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Dated : 11/3/2003

A copy of the above is forwarded to the all Financial Commissioners/Principal Secretaries/ Administrative Secretaries to Govt. of Punjab for kind information and further necessary action please.

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Under Secretary Welfare