

Backward Classes & Tribal Development Division

The functions of Backward Classes & Tribal Development Division are primarily to provide overall policy and guidance in formulation of Plans and programmes for the welfare, development and empowerment of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, other backward communities including Other Backward Classes and Minorities and in particular, to render advice for making the Tribal Sub-Plan and Special Component Plan approach effective instruments of planning to ameliorate the socio-economic conditions of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

The specific functions of the Division are as enumerated below:

- I. **Development of Scheduled Castes**
- II. **Development of Scheduled Tribes**
- III. **Other Items**
 1. Formulation of Annual and Five Year Plans for the Welfare, development and Empowerment of SCs, STs, OBCs and Minorities
 2. Allocation of Special Central Assistance to SCP.
 3. Reports of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes.
- IV **Development of Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Minorities, Nomadic, Semi-Nomadic and Denotified Tribes**
- V. **Coordination of the works of the Working Groups and Steering Committee for the Welfare, development and Empowerment of SCs, STs, OBCs, Minorities for the formulation of Five Year Plans.**
- VI. **Maintenance of Reference Folders**
- VII. **Guard Files**