

Scheme of
Strengthening Education among Scheduled Tribe (ST) Girls in Low Literacy
Districts

(w.e.f. 1st April, 2008)

1. OBJECTIVE

The scheme aims to bridge the gap in literacy levels between the general female population and tribal women, through facilitating 100% enrolment of tribal girls in the identified Districts or Blocks, more particularly in naxal affected areas and in areas inhabited by Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs), and reducing drop-outs at the elementary level by creating the required ambience for education. Improvement of the literacy rate of tribal girls is essential to enable them to participate effectively in and benefit from, socio-economic development.

2. COVERAGE

2.1 The scheme will be implemented in 54 identified Districts (**Appendix-I**) where the ST population is 25% or more, and ST female literacy rate below 35%, or its fractions, as per 2001 census.

2.2 Any other tribal block in a district, other than aforesaid 54 identified districts, which has scheduled tribe population 25% or above, and tribal female literacy rate below 35% or its fractions, as per 2001 census, shall also be covered (**Appendix-II**, Blocks intimated by West Bengal and Karnataka so far. Such Blocks fulfilling the criteria in other States may also be considered as and when reported).

2.3 In addition, the scheme will also cover areas below a Block level (e.g. Gram Panchayats) inhabited by the notified Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) (**Appendix-III**).

2.4 Out of all the aforesaid areas, the **naxal affected areas** shall be given priority

3. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY

3.1 The scheme will be implemented through Voluntary Organizations (VOs)/Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and autonomous society/institutions of State Government/Union Territory Administration.

3.2 The existing multidisciplinary “**State Committee for Supporting Voluntary Efforts**” (**SCSVE**) constituted by various States/Union Territories will be responsible for identification and scrutiny of the projects of Non-Governmental Organizations under this scheme also.

4. ELIGIBILITY OF THE ORGANIZATIONS

4.1 Organizations including autonomous society/institutions of State Government/Union Territory Administration shall maintain women project staff for the projects run under this scheme.

4.2 Voluntary Organization (VO)/Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) have to fulfill the following requirements (through certificates from the District or Panchayati Raj administration):

- a) Registered for at least three years for the conduct and promotion of social welfare of scheduled tribes.
- b) Experience of at least three years in successfully running and maintaining hostels and/or educational complexes.
- c) Financial viability to continue the work for limited periods in the case of delay or absence of assistance from the Ministry.
- d) Good reputation and credentials, especially for guaranteeing the security and safety of the hostellers.
- e) Networking with other institutions including Panchayati Raj for optimum utilization of resources allocated and assets created.

5. THE SCHEME AND THE COMPONENTS

In order to intervene in a focused manner to improve literacy among tribal girls, and to bridge the gap between tribal female literacy and general female literacy levels and tribal female & tribal male literacy levels, following interventions/actions shall be taken:

- a) Providing hostel facilities for tribal girls at the Block level to enable them to attend regular middle/secondary school, and at the panchayat level to attend regular primary school.
- b) Hostel facilities only, and not schools, can be set up in a phased manner if needed, for up to 100 primary school girls, and 150 middle and high school girls at the panchayat and block levels respectively. In compelling circumstances, the number to be accommodated can go up. The hostels may be at one or more location(s) but may not be spaced at a distance of more than 0.5 kms in hill areas and 2 kms in the plains, from the regular school which they will attend.
- c) In exceptional cases, where the regular schools run under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan or other schemes of Education Department are not available within 5 Km radius, schooling facility along with hostels may also be considered.
- d) Wherever Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas are operating, no hostels under the scheme would be opened within a distance of 5 Km.
- e) The educational complexes already established under the pre-revised scheme falling in the newly identified 54 low literacy districts of the revised scheme or in tribal

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- blocks fulfilling the criteria as mentioned under the head 'Coverage', and in the Primitive Tribal Group areas, will be continued unaffected.
- f) The accommodation can be in hired premises or in the implementing agency's own building. No funds will be provided for construction of buildings. In case of own buildings, only maintenance grant for the building will be considered @ 30% of the notional annual rent, as per Public Works Department assessment.
 - g) Cash stipend will be provided at the rate of Rs.100/- per month for primary level girl students and Rs.200/- per month for middle/secondary level girl students for coaching/special tuitions.
 - h) Cash incentives will be given at the rate of Rs.100/- per month at primary level (up to class V) and Rs.200/- per month at middle and secondary levels (classes VI to XII) to meet their day to day requirement.
 - i) Scheduled tribe girl students will be additionally motivated, by giving them periodical awards like bicycles, watches, etc. as would be decided by the Ministry, on passing Class VIII, X and XII.
 - j) Primers will be prepared in at least 5 major tribal languages selected in coordination with the Ministry of Human Resource Development, for use of children up to Class III.
 - k) A Mothers' Committee will be constituted by every fundee organization by involving representative (s) of each village (s), to which the inmates belong, that will meet once a month to supervise the running of the scheme and to suggest improvements. A register of the decisions in each meeting will be kept by the fundee institution.
 - l) A District Education Support Agency (DESA), which would be a reputed Non-Governmental Organization or a federation of Non-Governmental Organizations, will be established by every State Government/Union Territory Administration in each of the 54 identified low literacy districts that will:
 - (i) Promote 100% enrollment of scheduled tribe girls in the identified districts, blocks or pockets (for Primitive Tribal Groups), vis-à-vis present level of enrollment, class-wise, for all schools taken together.
 - (ii) Reduce dropouts at the primary and middle school levels.
 - (iii) Monitor the running of the hostels/complexes.
 - (iv) Make payments, grant of awards, etc., as may be prescribed by the Ministry.
 - (v) Arrange regular interaction between girls and ANMs to promote preventive health education and establish curative linkages of these hostels/complexes with health institutions.
 - (vi) Promote awareness among parents towards the importance of girls' education.
 - (vii) Tie up with potential recruiters so that immediately on passing, the student can get a job or can go in for self-employment.
 - m) The Ministry may support any reputed and experienced organization for training of District Education Support Agency/Non-Governmental Organizations/autonomous societies for running the project successfully.
 - n) Ministry would support any innovative intervention by any organization including District Education Support Agency in these low literacy areas to promote scheduled

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- tribe female literacy. Maximum 1% of the annual budget can be spent for this purpose.
- o) The detailed financial norms and standard calculations are given in **Appendix-IV (A), (B), (C) and (D)**.

6. FUNDING

- a) The scheme will continue as a “100% Central Sector Gender specific Scheme” from the year 2007-08 onwards and the revised guidelines and new financial norms will be effective from 1.4.2008.
- b) The projects will be funded as per the ceiling indicated at **Appendix-IV**. SCSVE can recommend reduced funding with specific reasons.
- c) The grant shall be sanctioned as per the procedure laid down **under Rule 209 of General Financial Rules, 2005 as amended from time to time**.
- d) The Ministry will issue the sanction order in the name of the President/Secretary/Project Manager of the organization/project and transfer the funds to the bank account of the organization/project (including autonomous institution of State Governments) to be operated jointly by the President/Project Manager and Secretary. If the headquarter of the organization is not located at the project site, the funds will in turn be transferred by the organization into a bank account at the project location to be jointly operated by the Secretary and a duly authorized project head within 7 (seven) days from the date of receipt of funds in account. For this purpose, the organization shall open a bank account in the name of organization at the project location also.
- e) The funds will normally be released through **telegraphic transfer** directly to the bank account of the organization as referred in 6 (d) above.

7. PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION

Under the scheme, grants will be sanctioned in favour of State owned autonomous institutions/Voluntary Organizations/Non-Governmental Organizations as per prescribed financial norms and terms & conditions as stipulated by this Ministry and revised from time to time.

- a) The organization shall submit an application **in the format** prescribed at **Appendix-VI** and as per the procedure and guidelines laid down under the scheme.
- b) The application in prescribed format shall be submitted by the organization to the Tribal Welfare Department (or the department responsible for tribal matters in the State/Union Territory) preferably in the months of **December-January** for the forthcoming financial year.
- c) State Government (State Tribal Welfare Department or the department dealing with tribal matters) after verifying the genuineness of the organization and/or the project at the field level, shall place all the proposals before the multidisciplinary “**State Committee for Supporting Voluntary Efforts (SCSVE)**” (hereinafter **State Committee**) and forward

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ALL the recommendations of the State Committee **in order of priority**, to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs by **31st March of every year**.

- d) No applications will be accepted by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs in piece-meal or directly. Application must always be recommended by the State Committee and routed through State Government as prescribed above, in one go, once a year.
- e) Any application submitted directly without following the aforesaid procedure, will be summarily sent back to the proposer. No further correspondence in this regard shall be entertained.
- f) State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, while forwarding the recommendations of the State Committee and the proposals, shall submit the documents **as per the following Check List and Time Schedule:**

S. No. and Name of Documents	For New Projects in March-April every year along with State Committee's recommendations	For On-going Cases only	
		In March-April every year along with State Committee's recommendations	Latest by 15 th July every year
1. Application Form	√	√	X
2. Budget Estimates	√	√	X
3. Un-audited Accounts of last year	X	√	X
4. Audited Accounts with Auditor's Report	√ (of last three years)	X	√ (of last year)
5. Utilization certificate of previous year's grant in prescribed format as per GFR 19 (A)	X	X	√
6. Annual Report	√ (of last three years)	X	√ (of last year)
7. List of Staff	√	√	X
8. List of beneficiaries	√	X	√
9. Inspection Report counter-signed by District Collector/ Commissioner	√ (initial inspection report)	X	√
10. Registration Certificate, Rules & Bye laws	√	√	X
11. List of Management Committee	√	√	X
12. Up to date rent agreement/ rent assessment certificate authenticated by PWD/CPWD	√	√	X
13. Surety Bond, Authorization letter (in Advance)	√	√	X
14. Acceptance of Terms and Conditions (Advance)	√	√	X

√- To be sent ; X- not to be sent

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- g) The organization receiving grants from the Ministry shall regularly submit **six-monthly Progress Report** in the months of October (for April to September of a financial year) and in April (for October to March of the same financial year) in the format prescribed in **Appendix-VII**, both in a CD and in a hard copy.

8. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

As stipulated in **Appendix-V** of these guidelines.

9. MONITORING

- (a) Besides regular annual mandatory inspections required to be conducted by the District Collector/ Commissioner/Authorities, concurrent monitoring shall also be undertaken by the officials of the Ministry and independent agencies appointed by the Central Government for the purpose.
- (b) Panchayati Raj institutions would also be involved in the monitoring of the scheme.
- (c) A monitoring cell shall be established in the NGO Division to maintain data base of the projects run under this scheme and to monitor their progress.
- (d) 2% of the total budget shall be utilized in the Ministry for management and monitoring of the scheme.
- (e) The State Government/Union Territory Administration, the Mother's Committee and the DESA shall ensure regular check of the quality of food being served in the hostels/complexes.

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APPENDIX-I

**DISTRICTS IDENTIFIED FOR THE SCHEME OF STRENGTHENING EDUCATION
AMONG ST GIRLS IN LOW LITERACY DISTRICTS**

S.No.	Name of State/Union Territory	Name of Districts	Percentage of scheduled tribe population in the district as per 2001 Census	Tribal Female Literacy rate in the District as per 2001 Census
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Khammam	26.47	27.6
2.	Jammu & Kashmir	Rajouri	33.12	26.0
3.		Punch	39.99	28.3
4.	Rajasthan	Dungarpur	65.14	21.8
5.		Banswara	72.27	18.9
6.		Udaipur	47.86	25.7
7.	Arunachal Pradesh	Tawang	74.99	26.4
8.		East Kameng	86.71	24.5
9.		Lower Subansiri	90.09	33.4
10.		Tirap	83.66	22.8
11.	Nagaland	Mon	93.92	35.4
12.	Tripura	Dhalai	54.02	33.3
13.	Jharkhand	Sahibganj	29.15	15.5
14.		Pakaur	44.59	13.1
15.		Dumka	39.89	21.7
16.		Paschimi Singhbhum	53.36	23.7
17.		Purbi Singhbhum	27.85	31.3
18.		Lohardaga	55.70	32.0
19.	Orissa	Gajapati	50.78	14.8
20.		Kandhamal	51.96	26.9
21.		Nuapada	34.71	16.2
22.		Kalahandi	28.65	17.2
23.		Rayagada	55.76	10.1
24.		Nabarangapur	55.03	11.1
25.		Koraput	49.61	8.4
26.		Malkangiri	57.43	7.5
27.		Deogarh	33.60	31.2
28.		Keonjhar	44.50	26.0
29.		Mayurbhanj	56.60	23.5
30.		Balangir	20.63	25.5

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31.	Chhattisgarh	Surguja	54.60	35.6
32.		Korba	41.50	33.7
33.		Bastar	66.31	23.1
34.		Dantewada	78.51	13.4
35.		Bilaspur	19.87	35.5
36.	Madhya Pradesh	Umaria	44.05	30.4
37.		Shehdol	44.48	31.0
38.		Sidhi	29.89	21.6
39.		Ratlam	25.89	27.7
40.		Jhabua	86.85	19.4
41.		Dhar	54.50	24.2
42.		West Nimar	35.48	31.8
43.		Barwani	67.01	19.7
44.		East Nimar	29.68	22.2
45.		Betul	39.41	34.0
46.		Harda	26.63	24.7
47.		Dindori	66.48	34.0
48.		Mandla	57.23	35.7
49.	Gujarat	Dahod	72.26	24.6
50.		Panchmahals	27.45	29.2
51.		Vadodara	26.56	25.4
52.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	62.24	27.0
53.	Maharashtra	Nandurbar	65.53	32.2
54.		Dhule	25.97	35.0

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APPENDIX-II

**TRIBAL BLOCKS OTHER THAN 54 IDENTIFIED DISTRICTS
WHICH FULFILL THE CRITERIA**

S.No.	Name of State	Name of District	Name of Tribal Block
1.	Karnataka	Raichur	Devadurga
		Chitradurga	Molakalmur
		Bellary	Sandur Kudligi
2.	West Bengal	Darjiling	Phansidewa
		Jalpaiguri	Mal Matiali Nagrakata Madarihat Kalchini Kumargram
		Maldah	Habibpur
		North Parganas	24- Sandeshkhali-I
		Bankura	Hirbandh
		Puruliya	Santuri Hura Balarampur Manbazar-II Bundwan
		West Medinipur	Gopiballavpur-I Nayagram Kharagpur-II

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APPENDIX-III

List of identified Primitive Tribal Groups in India

States/UTs.	Name of P.T.G. Population
Andhra Pradesh	1.Chenchu
	2.Bodo Gadaba
	3.Gutob Gadaba
	4.Dongria Khond
	5.Kutia Khond
	6.Kolam
	7.Konda Reddi
	8.Kondasavara
	9.Bondo Porja
	10.Khond Porja
	11.Parengi Porja
	12.Thoti
Bihar (Including Jharkhand)	13.Asur (Bihar and Jharkhand)
	14.Birhor (Bihar and Jharkhand)
	15.Birjia (Bihar and Jharkhand)
	16.Hill Kharia (Jharkhand)
	17.Korwa (Bihar and Jharkhand)
	18.Mal Paharia (Bihar and Jharkhand)
	19.Parhaiya (Bihar and Jharkhand)
	20.Sauria Paharia (Bihar and Jharkhand)
	21.Savar (Bihar and Jharkhand)
Gujarat	22.Kolgha
	23.Kathodi
	24.Kotwalia
	25.Padhar
	26.Siddi
Karnataka	27.Jenu Kuruba
	28.Koraga
Kerala	29.Cholanaikayan
	30.Kadar
	31.Kattunayakan
	32.Koraga
	33.Kurumba
Madhya Pradesh (including Chhattisgarh)	34.Abujh Maria (Chhattisgarh)
	35.Baiga (M.P. and Chhattisgarh)
	36.Bharia (M.P.)
	37.Birhor (Chhattisgarh)
	38.Hill Korwa (Chhattisgarh)
	39.Kamar (Chhattisgarh)

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	40.Sahariya (M.P.)
Maharashtra	41.Katkari/Kathodi
	42.Kolam
	42.Maria Gond
Manipur	44.Maram Naga
Orissa	45.Chuktia Bhunjia
	46.Birhor
	47.Bondo
	48.Didayi
	49.Dongria Khond
	50.Juang
	51.Kharia
	52.Kutia Khond
	53.Lanjia Saura
	54.Lodha
	55.Mankirdia
	56.Paudi Bhuyan
	57.Saura
Rajasthan	58.Saharia
Tamil Nadu	59.Irular
	60.Kattunayakan
	61.Kota
	62.Korumba
	63.Paniyan
	64.Toda
Tripura	65.Riang
Uttar Pradesh (including Uttrakhand)	66.Buksa (U.P. and Uttrakhand)
	67.Raji (Uttrakhand)
West Bengal	68.Birhor
	69.Lodha
	70.Toto
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	71.Great Andamanese
	72.Jarawa
	73.Onge
	74.Sentinelese
	75.Shom Pen

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APPENDIX-IV (A)

COST ESTIMATES FOR NEW HOSTELS ONLY
(Calculations for 100 ST girls)
Primary/Middle-Secondary Level

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	Item of Expenditure	Amount
A	Non-Recurring	
1.	Furniture/equipments including kitchen equipment @ Rs.2500/- per student (once in five years)	02.50
2.	Bedding @ Rs.750/- per student (once in five years)	0.75
3	Recreation expenditure(T.V./V.C.D./indoor game(once in 5 years)	0.50
B	Recurring	
1.	Rent @ Rs.2.00 per sq. ft. constructed area per month (for 12 months)	01.20 (upper ceiling)
2.	Maintenance allowance including mess charges @ Rs.750/- per girl student per month*	09.00
3.	3 sets of uniforms per annum @ Rs.900/- per girl student	00.90
4.	Cash stipend for availing tuition/coaching:	
	a) for primary level student- @ Rs.100/- per girl per month (for 12 months)	01.20
	b) for middle/secondary level student- @ Rs.200/- per girl per month (for 12 months)	02.40
5.	Course books/stationery and other educational material @ Rs.50/- per girl student per month	00.60
6.	Examination fee	00.01
7.	Honorarium to staff:	
	a) Warden-cum-teacher @ Rs.5000/- p.m.	
	b) Accountant (Rs.3500/- p.m.)	02.05
	b) Support staff/residential and multi-functional [peon (Rs.1500/- p.m.), watchman (Rs.1500/- p.m.), 2 cooks (Rs.1500/- p.m. each), helper (Rs.1300/- p.m.), sweeper (Rs.1300/- p.m.)]	
8.	Vocational/skill development training	00.40
9.	Electricity and water charges	00.60
10.	Medical care/contingency @ Rs.750/- per girl per annum	00.75
11.	Health care (hospitalization, visit of doctors, annual health check up etc.)	00.50
12.	Miscellaneous including toiletries etc.:	
	a) For primary level @ Rs.400/- per annum per student	00.40
	b) For middle-secondary level @ Rs.700/- per annum per student	00.70
13.	PTAs/Sports function/cultural functions	00.15
14.	Tour/camps	02.00
15.	Incentives to each girl student @ Rs.100/- per month to meet their day to day requirements	01.20

*If the girl students remain in the hostel during vacations, may be granted up to 12 months instead of 10 months.

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APPENDIX-IV (B)

**COST ESTIMATES FOR PRIMARY LEVEL
EDUCATIONAL COMPLEXES (SCHOOLING AND BOARDING/LODGING BOTH)
(Calculations for 100 ST girls)**

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	Item of Expenditure	Amount
A	Non-Recurring	
1.	Furniture/equipments including kitchen equipment @ Rs.2500/- per student (once in five years)	02.50
2.	Bedding @ Rs.750/- per student (once in five years)	0.75
3.	Recreation expenditure (T.V./V.C.D./indoor game (once in five years)	0.50
B	Recurring	
1.	Rent @ Rs.2.00 per sq. ft. constructed area per month (for 12 months)	01.20 (upper ceiling)
2.	Maintenance allowance including mess charges @ Rs.750/- per girl student per month*	09.00
3.	3 sets of uniforms per annum @ Rs.900/- per girl student	00.90
4.	Cash stipend for availing tuition/coaching @ Rs.100/- per girl per month (for 12 months)	01.20
5.	Course books/stationery and other educational material @ Rs.50/- per girl student per month	00.60
6.	Examination fee	00.01
7.	Honorarium (i) 06-full time teachers @ Rs.5000/- p.m. (ii) Other staff: a) Warden-cum-teacher @ Rs.5000/- p.m. b) Accountant (Rs.3500/- p.m.) c) Support staff/residential and multi-functional [peon (Rs.1500/- p.m.), watchman (Rs.1500/- p.m.), 2 cooks (Rs.1500/- p.m. each), helper (Rs.1300/- p.m.), sweeper (Rs.1300/- p.m.)]	05.65
8.	Vocational/skill development training	00.40
9.	Electricity and water charges	00.60
10.	Medical care/contingency @ Rs.750/- per girl per annum	00.75
11.	Health care (hospitalization, visit of doctors, annual health check up etc.)	00.50
12.	Miscellaneous including toiletries etc. @ Rs.400 per annum per girl	00.40
13.	PTAs/Sports function/cultural functions	00.15
14.	Tour/camps	02.00
15.	Incentives to each girl student @ Rs.100/- per month to meet their day to day requirements	01.20

*If the girl students remain in the hostel during vacations, may be granted up to 12 months instead of 10 months.

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APPENDIX-IV (C)

**COST ESTIMATES FOR MIDDLE/SECONDARY LEVEL
EDUCATIONAL COMPLEXES (SCHOOLING AND BOARDING/LODGING BOTH)
(Calculations for 100 ST girls)**

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	Item of Expenditure	Amount
A	Non-Recurring	
1.	Furniture/equipments including kitchen equipment @ Rs.2500/- per student (once in five years)	02.50
2.	Bedding @ Rs.750/- per student (once in five years)	0.75
3.	Recreation expenditure (T.V./V.C.D./indoor game (once in five years)	0.50
B	Recurring	
1.	Rent @ Rs.2.00 per sq. ft. constructed area per month (for 12 months)	01.20 (upper ceiling)
2.	Maintenance allowance including mess charges @ Rs.750/- per girl student per month*	09.00
3.	3 sets of uniforms per annum @ Rs.900/- per girl student	00.90
4.	Cash stipend for availing tuition/coaching @ Rs.200/- per girl per month (for 12 months)	02.40
5.	Course books/stationery and other educational material @ Rs.50/- per girl student per month	00.60
6.	Examination fee	00.01
7.	Honorarium (i) 06-full time teachers @ Rs.6000/- p.m. (ii) Other staff: a) Warden-cum-teacher @ Rs.6000/- p.m. b) Accountant (Rs.3500/- p.m.) b) Support staff/residential and multi-functional [peon (Rs.1500/- p.m.), watchman (Rs.1500/- p.m.), 2 cooks (Rs.1500/- p.m. each), helper (Rs.1300/- p.m.), sweeper (Rs.1300/- p.m.)]	06.49
8.	Vocational/skill development training	00.60
9.	Electricity and water charges	00.60
10.	Medical care/contingency @ Rs.750/- per girl per annum	00.75
11.	Health care (hospitalization, visit of doctors, annual health check up etc.)	00.50
12.	Miscellaneous including toiletries etc. @ Rs.700 per annum per girl	00.70
13.	PTAs/Sports function/cultural functions	00.15
14.	Tour/camps	02.00
15.	Incentives to each girl student @ Rs.100/- per month to meet their day to day requirements	01.20

In addition to above, Awards to tribal girls passing class VIII @ Rs.500/- per girl for watches and for girls passing class X @ Rs.1200/- per girl for bicycles (in hilly regions, instead of bicycles, the girls may be provided saving certificates for the same amount). The awards will be given to the actual number of passed students indicated by the organization along with the proposal.

*If the girl students remain in hostel during vacations, may be granted up to 12 months instead of 10 months.

FINANCIAL NORMS FOR OTHER SPECIFIC ITEMS

S. No.	Particulars	Cost (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Preparation of primers in 5 major tribal languages (lumpsum @ Rs.5.00 lakh per language)	25.00
2.	Annual assistance to support each District Educational Support Agencies (DESA)	05.00
3.	Total financial support during 11 th Plan for sensitization and training of NGOs/autonomous societies running the project, and teachers, and mobilization of community	862.00
4.	For any other innovative project which aims to improve literacy among ST females in low literacy area	Not more than 1% of the budget of that particular year

TERMS AND CONDITIONS
UNDER THE SCHEME OF
STRENGTHENING EDUCATION AMONG SCHEDULED TRIBE (ST) GIRLS
IN LOW LITERACY DISTRICTS

The grant-in-aid sanctioned under the aforesaid scheme is subject to fulfillment of following conditions by the autonomous institutions of the State Government/Voluntary organization (VO) / non-governmental organization (NGO):

1. that the organization which intends to receive the Grant-in-aid under the Scheme, will fulfill the eligibility criteria as specified in para 2 of the scheme;
2. the grants can not be claimed as a matter of right, it depends on sole discretion of Government of India depending on the merit of the project;
3. an amount of at least 10% of the total approved expenditure shall be contributed by the organization from its own resources (if applicable), as soon as the grant from this Ministry is received in their bank account;
4. that the organization will confirm in writing to the effect at the beginning of each financial year that the conditions contained in this document and as revised from time to time for the implementation of this scheme are acceptable to it;
5. that the organization will also execute a Bond on Non-Judicial Stamp Paper of Rs.20 in favour of the President of India to the effect that it will abide by terms and conditions attached to the grant and that revised from time to time and that in case of its failure to abide by the same, it will refund to the Government the total Grant-in-aid sanctioned to it for the purpose with interest accrued thereon and shall be liable for criminal action as per law;
6. that the organization will make reservations for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, etc., in the posts/services under their control on the lines of the instructions issued by the Government of India and as amended from time to time;
7. that the Ministry shall not be liable for any kind of payment to the temporary/regular employees appointed by the organization for running the project;
8. that the organization shall maintain a separate account in a nationalized/scheduled Bank in respect of this grant. All receipts and payments involving Rs.10,000/- and above of the grantee institution must be through cheques only. The grantee institutions are required to submit, at the time of seeking grant for continuation of the project, a copy of the bank pass book indicating all transactions made in connection with the running of the sanctioned project. The accounts will remain

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- open for inspection of by representatives/officers from the office of Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Government of India, or concerned State Government at any time. The organization shall have the accounts of the grant-in-aid audited either by Govt. Auditor or Chartered Accountant and supply a copy of the following audited accounts, together with Utilisation Certificate, to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs latest by first week of July month every year:
- a. the receipt and payment account of grant-in-aid in question for the year;
 - b. the income and expenditure accounts of grant-in-aid in question for the year;
 - c. the balance sheet, indicating assets and liabilities from grant-in-aid in question;
 - d. the utilization certificate in prescribed format as per General Financial Rules along with the item-wise break-up;
 - e. the audited accounts of the organisation as a whole for the year.
9. the organization shall submit performance-cum-achievement report (s) every six months on the project for which it received Grant-in-aid in the prescribed format;
 10. that the facilities to be extended with the help of the Grant-in-aid will be available for the welfare of all STs irrespective of creed, religion, colour, etc.;
 11. the organization will not obtain grant for the same purpose/project from any other source, including the Government sources. In case, it receives grant for the same project from other sources also, the same will be intimated to Ministry of Tribal Affairs immediately after receipt with proper reference;
 12. the organization will utilize the grant-in-aid for the purpose it has been sanctioned and not divert or entrust the execution of the project for which Grant-in-aid is sanctioned, to another organization or institution;
 13. that if the Government is not satisfied with the progress of the project or considers that the guidelines of the scheme, terms & conditions of the sanction etc., are being violated, it reserves the right to terminate the Grant-in-aid with immediate effect and also take such other actions as it deems fit with or without prior notice;
 14. at the time of renewal of the project any unspent balance out of the grants shall be adjusted by the Ministry in the subsequent admissible grant due ;
 15. no assets acquired wholly or substantially out of this Grant-in-aid will be disposed off or encumbered and or otherwise utilized for the purpose other than for which sanctioned;
 16. the organization shall maintain a register in the GFR (19) of permanent and semi-permanent assets acquired wholly or in part out of this Grant-in-aid. This register shall remain open for inspection to the officials from the Office of the

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Comptroller and Auditor General of India/Government of India/State Government/Union Territories. The register shall be maintained separately in respect of this grant and a copy thereof furnished to the Ministry, along with the Audited Accounts;

17. the release of the last instalment of the annual grant will be conditional upon the grantee institutions to provide reasonable evidence or proper utilization of instalment released earlier during the year;
18. the Voluntary Organisations should liase with District Administration for convergence of other existing services for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes. It should also maintain contact and seek cooperation of local Panchayati Raj Institutions. It should also have institutional arrangements for seeking community participation;
19. in respect of Voluntary Organisations assisted for running educational institutions like residential schools, non-residential schools etc., the organization shall make efforts for recognition of school/courses by State Governments;
20. provisions of General Financial Rule 150(2) (a) would be applicable where the Voluntary Organisation are being provided assistance for the prescribed amount;
21. the organization shall appropriately display the boards that should be erected at the project site indicating that the organization is running under the aegis of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India;
22. the organization shall ensure annual inspection of the project within the first quarter of the financial year in the prescribed format from the District Collector/district authorities;
23. the purchase of non-recurring items i.e. furniture etc. should be made only from authorized dealers at competitive prices and subject to vouchers being produced for inspection;
24. that the organization shall ensure the quarterly check on the quality of food being provided (if applicable) by the State Health Department/Food Department;
25. that the organization shall not charge any fees from the beneficiaries;
26. in case of new projects, the organization shall intimate this Ministry and the State Tribal Welfare Department about the date of commencement of project and that should be within 15 days from the receipt of funds by the organization in their bank account;
27. that the organization shall not profess or promote any religious/communal/fundamentalist/divisive beliefs or doctrines with these grants;

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28. in the event of a Court case, the organization shall not be entitled to any grant-in-aid till the matter is pending in the Court of Law; the Ministry shall not be responsible for any legal/intellectual/contractual disputes between the Voluntary Organization/Non-Governmental Organization and a third party. By accepting the grant, the recipient accepts this condition;
29. for all disputes involving Ministry of Tribal Affairs with regard to release of grants, the jurisdiction of the Courts will be Delhi;
30. the organization shall abide by all the aforesaid terms & conditions, guidelines of the scheme, provisions of GFRs, and any subsequent revision/changes therein.

Date
Place

Signature of President/Secretary
Full Name
Designation
Official Seal
