

GOVERNMENT OF PONDICHERRY

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The Department of Adi-Dravidar Welfare strives to improve the Socio, Economic and Educational conditions of the Scheduled Caste community in the Union territory of Pondicherry through implementation of various welfare measures.

THE SCHEDULED CASTE POPULATION :

The Scheduled Caste population in the Union territory of Pondicherry is 1,31,278 as per census of 1991, which is found to be 16.25 per cent. of the total population of 8,07,785. The region-wise breakup is as follows :

Region	Scheduled Castes population	Percentage on total population
(1)	(2)	(3)
Pondicherry	1,01,298	16.65
Karaikal	25,817	17.72
Mahe	123	0.37
Yanam	4,040	19.90
Total ..	**1,31,278**	**16.25**

As per the Constitution (Pondicherry) Scheduled Castes Order, 1964, the following 15 communities are notified as Scheduled Castes in the Union territory of Pondicherry.

(1) Adi Andhra
(2) Adi Dravida
(3) Chakkiliyan
(4) Jambuvulu
(5) Kuravan
(6) Madiga
(7) Mala, Mala Masti
(8) Paky
(9) Pallan
(10) Parayan, Sambavar
(11) Samban
(12) Thoti
(13) Valluvan
(14) Vetan
(15) Vettiyan

Note : There are no communities notified as Scheduled Tribe in the Union territory of Pondicherry so far.

THE ORGANISATIONAL SET UP OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADI-DRAVIDAR WELFARE :

The Department of Adi-Dravidar Welfare is headed by one Director (Pondicherry Civil Service Grade–I). There are two Deputy Directors (Pondicherry Civil Service Grade–II), one Senior Accounts Officer. The other officials total 222.

Director	:	The Director is over all in-charge of the Department and responsible for planning and execution of various schemes.
Deputy Director (G.S.)	:	He is in-charge of schemes aimed at improving the social status of the Scheduled Castes population. He is assisted by one Assistant Director. He also function as Head of Office.
Deputy Director (SW)	:	He is in-charge of schemes relating to hostels in assistance welfare of Scheduled Castes students. He is assisted by one Assistant Director.
Senior Accounts Officer	:	Establishment and Accounts Sections are under the control of the Senior Accounts Officer.

In Karaikal and Yanam regions, the entire activities of the Department of Adi-Dravidar Welfare are being looked after by the Assistant Directors. In the outlying regions, the Regional Executive Officers are providing necessary guidance to the Heads of Sub-Office of Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department.

Note : Mahe region has no Scheduled Castes population of its own. 123 Scheduled Castes people residing there are family members of the Government Officials who are posted there who hail from Pondicherry, Karaikal and Yanam regions. Hence, the Department of Adi-Dravidar Welfare has no Sub-Office functioning in Mahe.

SERVICE AVAILABLE :

The details of various schemes under which the Adi-Dravidar population of Pondicherry can get benefited are appended to this Charter.

THE LIMIT FOR SANCTION :

For each scheme, time limit for sanction varies depending upon the process involved as indicated under each scheme.

REDRESSAL FOR GRIEVANCES :

For redressal of grievances in Pondicherry region, the Director is to be contacted. The Chamber of the Director is in the first floor of the Head Office. . The address of the Head Office is furnished below :

ADI-DRAVIDAR WELFARE DEPARTMENT,
Pulianthoppu Salai,
Thattanchavady,
Pondicherry.
Phone : **275681** and **275682.**

In outlying regions, the respective Regional Executive Officers to be contacted.
A complaint box is provided in the Directorate.

SCHEME —1

FREE SUPPLY OF TEXT - BOOKS, UNIFORMS AND STATIONERIES / REIMBURSEMENT OF THE COST OF ENGLISH MEDIUM TEXT - BOOKS

1. Objective of the scheme	:	Providing all educational equipments with uniforms to all Scheduled Castes children to enable enrolment to themselves in the Primary Schools to undertake and to continue their education without hardship.
2. Benefits available	:	Free supply of text-books, readymade uniforms and stationery and reimbursement of the cost of English medium text-books.
3. Eligibility	:	Text-books .. I to X Std. students Uniforms .. I to VIII Std. students Stationery .. I to V Std. students Supplies are made to all enrolled Scheduled Castes students on the reopening day of schools.
4. To whom to apply	:	Supply made at the instance of the Department.
5. In case of delay, to whom to contact	:	(1) The Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry. (2) The Director, Education Department, Pondicherry.

SCHEME —2

AWARD OF PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP TO SCHEDULED CASTE STUDENTS

1. Objective of the scheme	:	Award of scholarship to all Scheduled Castes students who are pursuing elementary and secondary level of education.
2. Benefits available	:	Rs. 150 per annum per student for VI to VIII Std. Rs. 200 per annum per student for IX to X Std.
3. Eligibility	:	(a) Annual income not to exceed Rs. 15,000 of the parent / guardian. (b) Residence / Nativity .. Not less than 5 years. (c) Education .. Should have been promoted to next higher class.
4. Certificate to be enclosed	:	(a) Income Certificate. (b) Caste / Residence Certificate issued by the Competent Revenue Officials.
5. To whom to apply	:	The Deputy Director (Students Wing), Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry. **Note** : Applications should be submitted through the Heads of the Institutions concerned.
6. In case of delay, to whom to contact	:	The Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.

SCHEME —3

AWARD OF RETENTION SCHOLARSHIP TO SCHEDULED CASTE GIRL STUDENTS

1. Objective of the scheme	:	Award of retention scholarship to encourage Scheduled Castes girl students to undertake primary education and pursue continuously without hardship.
2. Benefits available	:	Rs. 250 per student for ten months.
3. Eligibility	:	(a) Annual income not to exceed Rs. 18,000 per annum of the parent / guardian. (b) Residence / Nativity .. Not less than 5 years.
4. Certificate to be enclosed	:	(a) Income Certificate (b) Caste / Residence Certificate issued by the Competent Revenue Officials.
5. To whom to apply	:	The Deputy Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry. **Note** : Applications should be sent through the Head of Institutions concerned.
6. In case of delay, to whom to contact	:	The Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.

SCHEME — 4

AWARD OF OPPORTUNITY COST TO PARENTS OF SCHEDULED CASTE GIRL STUDENTS

1. Objective of the scheme	:	Opportunity cost is awarded to the parents of the Schedule Caste girl students to compensate the loss of income suffered by the parents in the event of sending their girl children to schools.
2. Benefits available	:	Rs. 1,000 per academic year payable to parents in respect of each girl students in middle school and secondary school level classes (VI to X Std.)
3. Eligibility	:	(a) Annual income ceiling Rs. 15,000. (b) Caste/Residence/Nativity . . Not less than 5 years. (c) Education . . Should have been promoted to next higher class.
4. Certificate to be enclosed	:	(a) Income Certificate. (b) Caste/Residence Certificate issued by the competent Revenue Officials.
5. To whom to apply	:	The Deputy Director (Students Wing), Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry. **Note :** The applications should be sent through the Head of Institutions concerned.
6. In case of delay, to whom to contact	:	The Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.

SCHEME — 5

AWARD OF POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP TO SCHEDULED CASTE STUDENTS

1. Objective of the scheme	:	To provide financial assistance to Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribes students studying at Post-Matric level or Post Secondary stage to enable them to complete their education.
2. Benefits available	:	Reimbursement of full fees charged by the Institutions and award of maintenance allowance for meeting educational expenses and boarding/lodging expenses.
3. Eligibility	:	(a) Annual income should not exceed Rs. 60,965. (b) Age . .No restriction. (b) Residence/Nativity . . Not less than 5 years.
4. Certificate to be enclosed	:	(a) Income Certificate. (b) Caste/Residence Certificate issued by the Competent Revenue Officials. (c) Attested copies of educational certificates.
5. To whom to apply	:	The Deputy Director (Students Wing), Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry. **Note :** The applications should be sent through the Head of Institutions concerned.
6. In case of delay, to whom to contact	:	The Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.

SCHEME — 6

AWARD OF AD HOC MERIT GRANT (SPECIAL INCENTIVE) TO SCHEDULED CASTE STUDENTS

1. Objective of the scheme	:	Award of *ad hoc* merit grant (special incentive) to each Scheduled Caste students who has secured marks 65% and above in X Std./SSLC/Matriculation/Private Public Examination.
2. Benefits available	:	Rs. 300 Cash Award per year.
3. Eligibility	:	(a) Income . . No limit. (b) Residence/Nativity Certificate . . Not less than 5 years
4. Certificate to be enclosed	:	(a) Caste certificate. (b) Mark List duly attested. (c) Residence/Nativity Certificate issued by the competent Revenue Officials.
5. To whom to apply	:	The Deputy Director (Students Wing), Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry. **Note :** The applications should be sent through the Head of Institutions concerned.
6. In case of delay, to whom to contact	:	The Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.

SCHEME — 7

Dr. AMBEDKAR MEMORIAL AWARD TO SCHEDULED CASTE STUDENTS

1. Objective of the scheme	:	Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Award is granted to top ranking one Scheduled Caste boy and one Scheduled Caste girl student of each region who have secured not less than 55% of marks in the aggregate in the Higher Secondary Examination.
2. Benefits available	:	Rs. 1,000 Cash Award.
3. Eligibility	:	(a) No income limit. (b) Residence/Nativity Certificate . . Not less than 5 years.
4. Certificate to be enclosed	:	(a) Caste Certificate. (b) Mark List duly attested. (c) Residence/Nativity Certificate issued by the competent Revenue Officials.
5. To whom to apply	:	The Deputy Director (Students Wing), Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.
6. In case of delay, to whom to contact	:	The Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.

SCHEME — 8

OPENING AND MAINTENANCE OF BOYS AND GIRLS HOSTELS

1. Objective of the scheme : Providing boarding and lodging facilities to the Scheduled Caste students in order to encourage pursuance of education and to dissuade dropping of education at school/college level. 20% seats reserved for other economically backward students so as to avoid segregation of caste.

2. Benefits available :

		Building	
		Govt.	Rented
Pondicherry Region			
Men Hostels	9	6	3
Women Hostels	4	1	3
Karaikal Region			
Men Hostels	5	4	1
Women Hostels	3	1	2
Yanam Region			
Men Hostels	1	—	1
Women Hostels	1	1	—
	23	13	10

3. Eligibility : (a) Income limit . . Nil for S.C. students.
. . Rs. 15,000 per annum for (OEBC) student
(b) Maximum age . . 24 years.
(Further upper age relaxed by competent Authority.)
(c) Residence/Nativity . . Not less than 5 years.
(d) Distance . . 5 kms. (Relaxable by competent Authority)

4. Certificate to be enclosed : Income, Caste/Residence/Nativity Certificate issued by the competent Revenue Officials.

5. To whom to apply : Pondicherry : The Deputy Director (Students Wing), Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.
Karaikal : The Assistant Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Karaikal.
Yanam : The Assistant Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Yanam.
(Applications should be submitted through the Warden of the local Hostel)

6. In case of delay, to whom to contact : Pondicherry : The Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.
Karaikal : The Regional Executive Officer, Karaikal.
Yanam : The Regional Executive Officer, Yanam.

SCHEME — 9

STIPEND TO SCHEDULED CASTE TRAINEES IN TECHNICAL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

1. Objective of the scheme	:	To enable Scheduled Caste candidates/Trainees to undergo Industrial Training without hardship, stipend is paid for the training period.
2. Benefits available	:	Stipend is paid at Rs. 120 per month for the whole period of training.
3. Eligibility	:	(a) Annual income of Rs. 15,000 of the parent/guardian. (b) Residence/Nativity . . Not less than 5 years.
4. Certificate to be enclosed	:	(a) Income Certificate. (b) Caste/Residence/Nativity Certificate issued by the competent Revenue Officials.
5. To whom to apply	:	The Deputy Director (Students Wing), Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry. **Note :** The applications should be sent through the Technical Training Institutions concerned.
6. In case of delay, to whom to contact	:	The Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.

SCHEME — 10

PROVISION OF COACHING AND ALLIED FACILITIES TO SCHEDULED CASTE STUDENTS

1. Objective of the Scheme : Providing tutorial facilities to Scheduled Caste students of primary, middle and secondary level classes by engaging school teachers and unemployed candidates who are possessing minimum qualification of S.S.L.C./Degree/Post-Graduate for two hours in the evening–conducting various coaching classes and financial assistance to be granted to Scheduled Caste students who are expected to do project work in the course of their higher studies and to reimburse the expenses incurred. Financial assistance to be granted to Students to undergo training in typewriting/shorthand.

2. Benefits available :
   (a) Honorarium to the Part-time Tutors:
      (i) Rs. 120 p.m. for primary level.
      (ii) Rs. 200 p.m. for middle level.
      (iii) Rs. 250 p.m. for secondary level.
   (b) Project work . . Rs. 1,500 per student per year.
   (c) Special coaching classes . .Rs. 100 per Tutor per hour.
   (d) Typewriting/Shorthand:
      (i) Rs. 220 for typewriting (Lower—10 months)
      (ii) Rs. 162 for typewriting (Higher—6 months)
      (iii) Rs. 347 for shorthand (Lower—One year)
      (iv) Rs. 411 for shorthand (Higher—One year)

3. Eligibility :
   (a) Project work: Rs. 24,000 per annum for parent/guardian. . Annual income.
   (b) Typewriting/shorthand: Rs. 15,000 per annum for parent/guardian . . Annual income.
   (c) Residence/Nativity . . Not less than 5 years.

4. Certificate to be enclosed :
   (a) Part-time Tutors . .Unemployed candidates have to submit their educational qualification certificate.
   (b) Income Certificate.
   (c) Residence/Nativity Certificate issued by the Competent Revenue Officials.

5. To whom to apply : The Deputy Director (Students Wing), Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department Pondicherry.

   Note : The application forms for project work and financial assistance for typewriting/shorthand should be sent through the Head of Institutions concerned.

6. In case of delay, to whom to contact : The Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.

SCHEME — 11

MAINTENANCE OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES

1. Objective of the Scheme : To enable Scheduled Caste school dropouts to set up self-employment, cutting and tailoring training is imparted for a period of 12 months.

2. Benefits available : Stipend of Rs. 100 per month is provided during training period, one tailor model sewing machine is provided to each successful trainee.

3. Eligibility :
   (a) Income . . Not to exceed Rs. 15,000 per annum.
   (b) Age . . 14 to 30 years (Relaxable in case of widows)
   (c) Residence/Nationality . . Not less than 5 years.
   (d) Educational Qualification . . VIII Std. or its equivalent.

4. Certificate to be enclosed :
   (a) Income Certificate.
   (b) Caste/Residence Certificate issued by the Competent Revenue Officials.

5. To whom to apply :
   Pondicherry : The Deputy Director (Students Wing), Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.
   Karaikal : The Assistant Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Karaikal.
   Yanam : The Assistant Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Yanam.

6. In case of delay, to whom to contact :
   Pondicherry : The Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.
   Karaikal : The Regional Executive Officer, Karaikal.
   Yanam : The Regional Executive Officer, Yanam.

SCHEME — 12

FREE DISTRIBUTION OF DHOTIES AND SAREES TO POOR SCHEDULED CASTE PEOPLE

1. Objective of the scheme : To provide clothing items to the poor Scheduled Caste people.

2. Benefits available :
   - Male : Each beneficiary is supplied with a dhothy and a towel.
   - Female: Each beneficiary is supplied with a saree and a blouse piece.

3. Eligibility :
   (a) Annual income . . Not to exceed Rs. 15,000 per annum.
   (b) Age . . Not less than 30 years.
   (c) Residence . . Not less than 5 years.

4. Mode of selection : List of beneficiaries is selected by the Selection Committee consisting of Area M.L.A., Director, Deputy Director, Assistant Director and Welfare Inspector of the Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department.

SCHEME — 13

ISSUE OF FREE HOUSE SITE PATTAS TO SCHEDULED CASTE AND OTHER ECONOMICALLY BACKWARD CLASS

1. Objective of the scheme : To provide free house sites to Scheduled Caste people and other economically backward class people in the ratio of 80 : 20.

2. Benefits available : [redacted] without any other properties.

3. Certificate to be enclosed :
   (a) Ration Card.
   (b) Family Identity Card.
   (c) Caste Certificate.
   (d) Residence Certificate, and
   (e) Income Certificate.

4. To whom to apply :
   Pondicherry : The Deputy Director (General Section), Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.
   Karaikal : The Assistant Director, Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department, Karaikal.
   Mahe : The Assistant Director. (In respect of Other Economically Backward Class only).
   Yanam : The Assistant Director, Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department, Yanam.

5. In case of delay, to whom to contact : The Director, Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.

SCHEME — 14

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF COMMUNITY HALLS

1. Objective of the scheme : To construct Community Hall in Scheduled Caste colonies for the conduct of religious and social functions, etc. will be made use as temporary shelter in the event of natural calamities.

2. Benefits available :
   (a) This enables them to conduct their religious and social functions.
   (b) To provide temporary shelters to homeless Scheduled Caste people in the event of natural calamities.

3. Eligibility : In Scheduled Caste colonies where there is no Community Hall.

4. Mode of construction : The Community Halls will be constructed by the Local Bodies/Commune Panchayats/Government undertakings, etc.

5. Period of construction : 1 year after sanction is received.

6. Mode of payment : Grant-in-aid is released to Local Bodies/PWD/DRDA and other agencies on the basis of estimate from them.

7. To whom to apply :
   Pondicherry : The Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.
   Karaikal : The Assistant Director, Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department, Karaikal.
   Yanam : The Assistant Director, Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department, Yanam.

8. In case of delay, to whom to contact : The Director, Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.

SCHEME — 15

FREE DISTRIBUTION OF IMPROVED MODERN TOOLS AND IMPLEMENTS AND PLANT PROTECTION EQUIPMENTS TO SCHEDULED CASTE AND O.E.B.C. PEOPLE

1. Objective of the scheme : Free distribution of improved modern tools and implements and plant protection equipments to S.C. and Other Economically Backward Class people to improve their economic condition.

2. Benefits available :
   (a) Spade.
   (b) Plough.
   (c) Crow bar.
   (d) Power sprayer.
   (e) Press box.
   (f) Dressing equipments hair cutting tools.

3. Eligibility :
   (a) Annual income . . Not to exceed Rs. 15,000
   (b) Residence . . Not less than 5 years.

4. To whom to apply :
   Pondicherry : The Deputy Director (G.S.), Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.
   Karaikal : The Assistant Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Karaikal.
   Yanam : The Assistant Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Yanam.

5. Mode of selection : Beneficiaries are selected by Selection Committee consisting of Director, Under Secretary (Welfare) and a Revenue Official.

6. Period of time : 3 months.

7. In case of delay, to whom to contact : The Director, Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.

SCHEME — 16

GRANT-IN-AID TO LOCAL BODIES

1. Objective of the scheme	:	Grant-in-aid to local bodies for construction of water home latrines. Sweepers and scavengers quarters in Scheduled Caste colonies.
2. Benefits available	:	In Scheduled Caste colonies where there are no lavatory facilities and civic amenities, such as, road, drainage, etc., the same is provided to enable them to live in a clean environment.
3. Mode of construction	:	Construction carried out through the Local Bodies, P.W.D., D.R.D.A., etc.
4. Mode of payment	:	Grant-in-aid is release to Local Bodies/PWD/DRDA on basis of estimate received from them for the works to be carried out.
5. To whom to apply	:	Pondicherry : The Deputy Director (General Section), Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry. Karaikal : The Assistant Director, Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department, Karaikal. Yanam : The Assistant Director, Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department, Yanam.
6. In case of delay to whom to contact	:	The Director, Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.

SCHEME — 17

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO POOR SCHEDULED CASTE BRIDES

1. Objective of the scheme : To provide financial assistance to the parents of poor Scheduled Caste brides for performing their daughter's marriage.

2. Benefits available : A financial assistance of Rs. 7,500 in each case is released.

3. Eligibility :
   (a) Annual income not to exceed Rs. 15,000
   (b) The parent/guardian of the bride should be a citizen of India and a native of Pondicherry.
   (c) The marriage shall be performed in accordance with the Law.
   (d) Assistance is provided for first marriage alone.
   (e) The assistance is available for two brides in a family.
   (f) Attained the age of 18 years and 21 years for bride and bridegroom respectively.
   (g) Application should be submitted by the applicant 30 days prior to the date of marriage.

4. Certificate to be enclosed :
   (a) Community, Nativity, Nationality and income Certificates.
   (b) First marriage certificate obtained from M.P./M.L.A./ Commissioner of Municipality/Commune Panchayats.

5. To whom to apply :
   Pondicherry: The Deputy Director (General Section), Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.
   Karaikal : The Assistant Director,Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department, Karaikal.
   Yanam : The Assistant Director, Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department, Yanam.

6. In case of delay, to whom to contact : The Director, Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.

SCHEME – 18

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LAW/MEDICAL GRADUATES FOR SETTING UP OF PRACTICE

1. Objective of the scheme	:	To provide financial assistance to poor law/medical graduates for setting up practice.
2. Benefits available	:	For law graduates an amount of Rs. 1,500 and for medical graduates Rs. 2,500 is released as assistance.
3. Eligibility	:	(a) Should be a law/medical graduate. (b) Family income should be less than Rs. 15,000.
4. Certificate to be enclosed	:	(a) Degree or Provisional Certificate concerned. (b) Registration Certificate in Bar Council or Medical Council. (c) Caste Certificate indicating the sub-caste. (d) Income Certificate. (e) Nationality and Nativity Certificate. All the above in Originals to be produced.
5. To whom to apply	:	Pondicherry: The Deputy Director (General Section), Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry. Karaikal : The Assistant Director, Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department,Karaikal. Yanam : The Assistant Director, Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department, Yanam.
6. In case of delay, to whom to contact	:	The Director, Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.

SCHEME — 19

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PERFORM FUNERAL RITES TO POOR SCHEDULED CASTE PEOPLE

1. Objective of the scheme	:	To provide financial assistance to near relatives of deceased.
2. Benefits available	:	Rs. 1,000 in cash.
3. Eligibility	:	(a) Close relative to the applicant. (b) Annual income not exceeding Rs. 15,000. (c) Native of Union territory of Pondicherry.
4. Certificate to be enclosed	:	Original Death Certificate of the deceased.
5. To whom to apply	:	Printed form duly filled in should be submitted to Pondicherry: The Deputy Director (General Section), Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry. Karaikal : The Assistant Director, Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department, Karaikal. Yanam : The Assistant Director, Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department, Yanam.
6. In case of delay, to whom to contact	:	The Director, Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.

SCHEME — 20

INCENTIVE AWARD TO INTER CASTE MARRIED COUPLES

1. Objective of the scheme : An amount Rs. 10,000 is being given as award to inter caste married couple as a step towards casteless society.

2. Benefits available : Rs. 10,000 to each couple - Rs. 2,000 as cash and Rs. 8,000 in the form of National Savings Certificate.

3. Eligibility :
   (a) Marriage shall be performed between Scheduled Caste and any other communities.
   (b) The marriage shall be registered.
   (c) The marriage shall be performed for the first time in respect of both bride and groom.
   (d) Income limit . . No bar.
   (e) Both bride and groom or either one of them should be a native of Pondicherry.

4. Certificate to be enclosed :
   (a) Community, Nativity, Nationality Certificates in respect of groom, bride, groom's parents and bride's parents.
   (b) First Marriage Certificate obtained from M.L.A./M.P.
   (c) Age Proof of bride and groom.
   (d) Marriage Registration Certificate.

5. To whom to apply :
   Pondicherry: The Deputy Director, (General Section), Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.
   Karaikal : The Assistant Director, Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department, Karaikal.
   Yanam : The Assistant Director, Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department, Yanam.

6. In case of delay, to whom to contact : The Director, Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.

SCHEME — 21

CONSTRUCTION OF LOW COST DWELLING UNITS

1. Objective of the scheme : A subsidy of Rs. 20,000 is granted to Scheduled Caste/ Other Economically Backward Class people to enable them to construct low cost house in their own plots or plots distributed by the Government.

2. Benefits available : Rs. 20,000 on 3 instalments as follows :–

   (a) Rs. 6,000 on possession of vacant site.

   (b) Rs. 10,000 on construction of 7' height wall with basement.

   (c) Rs. 4,000 on covering the ceiling with tiled roof or any other lite roof.

3. Eligibility :

   (a) The applicant must be S.C.

   (b) Possession of patta with an area of 30 Ca.

   (c) Native/Resident for not less than 5 years.

   (d) Income below Rs. 15,000 per annum.

4. Certificate to be enclosed : Patta/site document of the beneficiary.

5. To whom to apply :

   Pondicherry: The Deputy Director (General Section), Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.

   Karaikal : The Assistant Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Karaikal.

   Yanam : The Assistant Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Yanam.

6. In case of delay, to whom to contact : The Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.

SCHEME — 22

GRANT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO POOR SCHEDULED CASTE PREGNANT AND LACTATING WOMEN

1. Objective of the scheme : To provide financial assistance of Rs. 500 (Rs. 100 in cash and a baby kit worth Rs. 400) to poor Scheduled Caste Pregnant and lactating women for pre/post natal care, treatment, etc.

2. Benefits available : Rs. 500 (Rs. 100 in cash and a baby kit worth Rs. 400).

3. Eligibility : The financial assistance is admissible when an applicant fulfils the following conditions :

   (a) The applicant must be of Scheduled Caste.

   (b) They should belong to the Union Territory by virtue of birth or continuous residence of not less than 3 years.

   (c) Apply within 90 days from the date of birth of child.

   (d) The total annual income of the applicant and her spouse should not exceed Rs. 15,000.

   (e) Grant of financial assistance is made available only for 2 deliveries in respect of a S.C. female member.

4. Certificate to be enclosed : Medical Superintendent of Maternity Hospital/Medical Officer incharge of the Primary Health Centre, Sub-Centre or any other Peripheral Maternity/Health Centre of the Union Territory.

5. To whom to apply :
   Pondicherry: The Deputy Director, (General Section), Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.
   Karaikal : The Assistant Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Karaikal.
   Yanam : The Assistant Director, Adi-Dravidar Welfare Department, Yanam.

6. In case of delay, to whom to contact : The Director, Adi–Dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.

SCHEME — 23

FREE SUPPLY OF BICYCLE TO SCHEDULED CASTE STUDENTS UNDERGOING EDUCATION BEYOND ELEMENTARY STAGE OF EDUCATION

1. Objective of the scheme	:	The Object of the Scheme is to provide bicycles to all Boys & Girls studying from Std IX upto College level including Post-Graduate level, in order to enable poor Adi-dravidar students to commute to their Educational Institutions comfortably.
2. Eligibility	:	1. Boys and Girls studying from Std IX upto College level including Post-Graduate level are eligible to avail the benefits. 2. Free supply of bicycles will be made to the Scheduled Caste student whose annual income from all sources including the income of his parents does not exceed Rs. 15,000. 3. Not more than one cycle shall be issued to any student for his whole Educational Period. 4. Students who are on the verge of their educational career, and will be completing their studies within a period of less than one year, shall not be eligible for the benefit under the scheme. 5. Not more than two number of cycles shall be issued to students of a family.
3. Benefits available	:	Each scheduled caste student pursuing education beyond Elementary Stage of Education (9th standard and above) will be supplied with one bicycle for travel to his Educational Institution subject to the condition that the bicycle shall not be disposed off till the completion of the academic course or until a period of five year has elapsed whichever is earlier. In case the student violates the condition and disposes off the bicycle during the academic period the student's parent shall repay the amount to the Department, accordingly.
4. Certificate to be enclosed	:	A certificate from the Head of Institution/Schools/College shall be obtained to the effect that the bicycle has not been issued to the student earlier.
5. To whom to apply	:	The students who are applying for the free issue of bicycle should apply in the application form specified for the purpose to the Director, Adi-dravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry. The Assistant Director, Karaikal/Yanam through the Head of Institution where they are studying/ trained.
6. In case of delay, to whom to contact	:	The Director, Adidravidar Welfare Department, Pondicherry.