

## **Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP)**

### **Union Budget Watch (2013-14) Highlights-**

Dalits and Adivasis have been suffering from twofold discrimination of social exclusion and economic exploitation for many years and this also continues now. This year again, as per the SCSP and TSP, meant to be a mechanism for the economic empowerment of SCs and STs. However the quantum of allocation to the necessary sectors and the nature of schemes continue to be flagrantly violated by central government departments ever since the SCSP/TSP came into existence.

- ❖ FY 2013-14 Total Plan Expenditure<sup>1</sup>**Budget of Union government is Rs. 4,19,068. Crores.** Amount allocated for Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) is **Rs. Cr. 41,561 and Rs. Cr.24,598 which accounts to 9.92% (SCSP) and 5.87% (TSP).**
- ❖ Denied budget allocation, **Rs. Cr. 26327 (39% ) in SCSP and Rs. Cr. 9765 (28%) in for TSP.** As per **policy guidelines** SCSP and TSP should beat least in proportion of percentage of SC and ST population (16.2 for SCP and 8.2 for TSP).
- ❖ This yearsbudget for SCSP and TSP shown a minor increaseof **0.43 % and 0.32%,** respectively comparing with last year budget i.e. 2012-13. Whereas, overall budget shown the growth of 29.4 per cent.
- ❖ 25 Ministries/department have allocated for SCSP and 32 for TSP for this year. Under TSP, 53 new schemes with the budget of Rs. 760.89 crores and similar number of new schemes under SCSP.
- ❖ Ministry of Tribal Affair, Drinking water and sanitation, Rural department, School education and literacy, health and Family welfare has shown an in the increased the budget. (Details on the last page).
- ❖ In 2013-14 under SCSP, only 12 Ministries/Departments had made allocations for SC Women amounting to 29% of the total SCSP. It is found that ministries/ department, like Home Affairs, Drinking water and Sanitation, Telecommunication, Sports and Youth affairs, Culture, Earth Science, which also contribute to women’s development have yet to make specific SC Women focused programmes. A similar trend is also observed under TSP.

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<sup>1</sup> Plan Expenditure for 2013-14 is Rs.Cr.5,55,322. Transfers to the State and UT Plans is Rs.Cr.1,36,254. The Central Plan (Gross Budgetary Support to the Central Ministries) is Rs.Cr.4,19,068.

## Why less allocation in FY 2013-14 Budget and low priority towards SCs and STs ?

Over last three decade experiencing the lacuna in implementation of SCSP/TSP and to ensure the fool proof allocation of funds by central ministries for scheduled caste and scheduled tribe welfare schemes in future, the NarendraJadhav Task Force set up in 2010. The Task Force reviewed and re-examined the SCSP and TSP guidelines.

Key recommendation of Narendra Jadhav Task force	Status in 2013-14 Budget and scope of improvement	% in Budget 2013-14
Earmark funds under SCSP/TSP from the Plan outlay, at least in proportion of their population	Far short, Rs. Cr. 26327.89 (39% ) in SCSP and Rs. Cr. 9765.19(28%) in for TSP, of the recommended allocations by the Task Force.	SCSP9.92% TSP 5.87 %
Percentage share of allocation in 4 categories. <i>Category I</i> —no obligation to earmark plan funds under SCSP and TSP assuming that it will be difficult to quantify the benefit to SCs and STs.	Ministries/ Depts <sup>2</sup> classified under <i>category –I</i> have significant importance in development. However,on examination of these below mentioned Dept., it is possible to have divisible schemes that will directly benefit SCs and STs.	Nil
<i>Category II</i> - ≤ 15% allocation ( SCSP ) &≤ 7.5% ( TSP)	Ministries/Dept <sup>3</sup> under <i>category –II</i> substantially contributes to economic growth of the country. Critical importance for the long-term development of SCs/STs.	5.8% SCSP 3.1% TSP
<i>Category III</i> - 15 – 16.2% allocation ( SCSP ) &7.5-8.2% ( TSP)	Ministries/Dept <sup>4</sup> under <i>category –III</i> programme has been hit by policy and institutional bottlenecks, resulting in the majority of SCs/STs continuing to live in conditions of socio- economic backwardness.	12.5% SCSP 7.3 % TSP
<i>Category IV</i> - >16.2% allocation &>8.2%( TSP)	The dept <sup>5</sup> is of survival importance - to live in dignity is no less an immediate need of high priority	17.8 % SCSP, 10.8 TSP

This new approach of categorization, instead of bridging the gap in SCSP/TSP, enhances the development gap thereby endangering the comprehensive development of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

<sup>2</sup> Corporate Affairs, Civil Aviation, Coal, Steel, Petroleum & Natural Gas, Mines, and, Department of Chemicals and Petro Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals, Consumer Affairs, Economic Affairs, Financial Services, Expenditure, Heavy Industries, Public Enterprises Fertilizers, Ministries of Minority Affairs and Tribal Affairs, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Home Affairs, External Affairs, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension, Law and Justice, and Departments of Health Research; Scientific and Industrial Research; Atomic Energy, Space, Agricultural Research and Education, Ministries of Railways, Water Resources and Departments of Road Transport and Highways, Shipping, Telecommunications, Ministries of Culture, Information and Broadcasting, Planning, Statistics and Programme Implementation, Tourism, Urban Development, and Departments of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Biotechnology; Food & Public Distribution, Food Processing Industries and Posts.

<sup>3</sup> Ministries of New and Renewable Energy, Environment & Forest, Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Textiles, Department of AYUSH, Commerce, IT, Science and Tech. and Power

<sup>4</sup> Ministry of Labour & Employment, Panchayati Raj, Youth Affairs and Sports, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Health & Family Welfare, Higher Education and Land Resources

<sup>5</sup> Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Woman & Child Development, Social Justice & Empowerment, Drinking Water & Sanitation and Department of School Education & Literacy, Rural Development

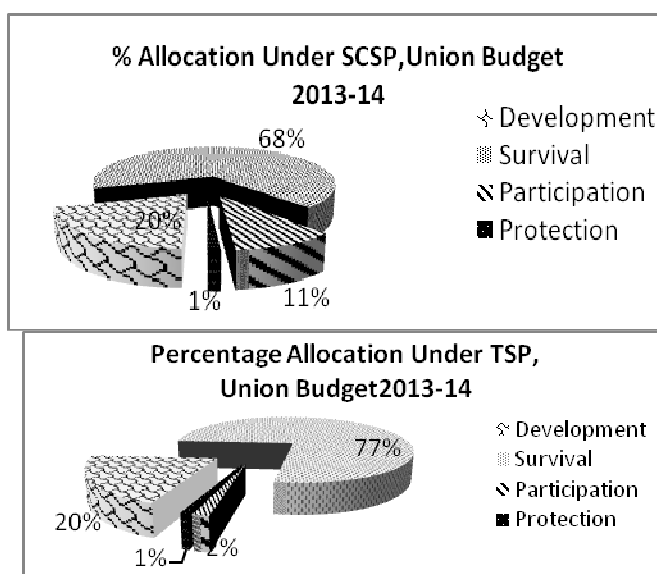
## Mostly for Survival and Lesser allocation for the Development!

### Sectoral allocation Under SCSP and TSP , 2013-14

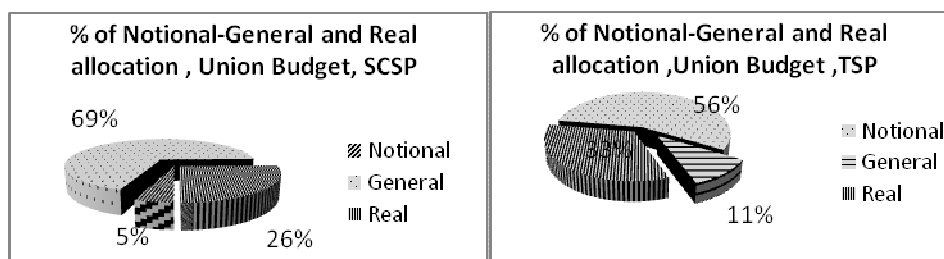
The Plan allocation/outlays are segregated as sectoral allocations, are classified as 'social services' and 'Economic service'. Most of the schemes under the social service<sup>6</sup> are rendering social services are of 'survival in nature'. Economic sectors<sup>7</sup> are considered as 'Development' by nature. There are few sectors which have the component of social protection and provide the scope of Participation. Based on our details understanding of the schemes for the SCs and STs, around 70% of the allocations are for the survival and only 20 % for the development this

Sector	Allocation/ Budget	
	SCSP	TSP
<b>Rs. In crores</b>		
Social Service	24,717.16	12,632.52
Housing	5,686.93	3,787.01
Rural Development	2,009.28	1,314.06
Agriculture & allied activities	2,269.62	10,77.78
Energy	853.23	31.60
Industry & Mineral	588.79	309.50
Science technology & environment	211.43	101.48
Communication	60.00	215.50
Transport	0.00	800.00
Welfare	5,164.69	4,325.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,561.13</b>	<b>24,594.45</b>

shows the least priority of the government towards the economic growth of the SCs and STs<sup>8</sup>.



Nature of the schemes is that a large proportion of schemes 77.23% for SCSP and 67.89% for TSP are just general or notional schemes may not have the tackling the poverty and unemployment; creation of productive assets and income generating opportunities; etc.



<sup>6</sup> The Social service are to promote social development which includes department like Education; Art and Culture; Medical and Public Health; Women and Child Development; Water Supply and Sanitation.

<sup>7</sup> Rural Development; Agriculture and Allied Services; Industry & Mineral; Science, Technology and Environment and Transport.

<sup>8</sup> Source – Statement 21 and Statement 21A from the Expenditure Volume I of the union budget 2013-2014

Department wise allocation of Union Budget 2013-14 (Rs. In Cr.) <sup>9</sup>								
Dema nd No.	Dept/Min	Total Plan Allocation according to Vol-2	SCSP			TSP		
			2012- 2013 Revised	2013- 2014 Budget	% of Allocation	2012- 2013 Revised	2013- 2014 Budget	% of Allocation
1	Dept of Agri and Coop	21609	1534	1888	9	757	933	4
2	Dept of Agri Research & Edu	3415	0	0	0	86	123	4
3	Dept of Animal Hus, Dairying	2025	292	328	16	0	0	0
10	Min of Coal	450	0	0	0	31	32	7
11	Dept of Commerce	2226	94	100	4	0	0	0
12	Dept of Ind Policy & Pro	1501	6	42	3	0	0	0
14	Dept of Telecom	5800	0	0	0	6	15	0
15	Dept of Electro and IT	3000	52	60	2	138	201	7
17	Dept of Food & Pub Dist	259	0	0	0	3	6	2
19	Ministry of Culture	1435	0	0	0	17	29	2
29	Min of Drinking Water & San	15260	2860	3358	22	1300	1526	10
31	Min. of Envir and Forest	2430	43	53	2	15	16	1
47	Dept. of Health and Fam. Wel	29165	3713	4433	15	1804	2392	8
48	Department of Ayurveda, Yoga	1069	34	53	5	13	21	2
50	Department of AIDS Control	1785	267	271	15	144	146	8
58	Ministry of HUPA	1460	163	329	23	17	35	2
59	Dept. of School Edu & Lit	49659	8546	9932	20	4572	5314	11
60	Dept. of High Edu	16198	2077	2432	15	1022	1220	8
62	Min of Labour and Employ	2446	353	409	17	169	207	8
66	Min. of MSME	2977	310	357	12	211	244	8
67	Ministry of Mines	454	0	0	0	9	10	2
69	Min. of New and Ren. Energy	1519	40	53	4	0	0	0
71	Ministry of Panchayati Raj	7000	24	75	1	12	38	1
76	Ministry of Power	9642	391	800	8	0	0	0
82	Min. of Road Trans & Highways	25860	0	0	0	500	800	3
83	Department of R&D	74429	3820	6358	9	2779	4452	6
84	Department of Land Resources	5765	492	934	16	302	576	10
85	Dept. of Science & Technology	2777	26	69	3	22	69	3
89	MSJE	6625	3889	4756	72	0	46	1
93	Ministry of Textiles	4631	225	232	5	55	56	1
94	Ministry of Tourism	1282	0	0	0	24	32	3
95	Ministry of Tribal Affairs	4279	0	0	0	3100	4279	100
96	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1862	0	0	0	3	3	0
99	Daman & Diu	630	0	0	0	1	1	0
104	Min. of Water Resources	1500	0	0	0	18	20	1
105	Min. of Women and Child Dev.	20350	3700	4070	20	1517	1669	8
106	Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports	1093	137	168	15	73	90	8
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,33,868</b>	<b>33,085</b>	<b>41,561</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18,721</b>	<b>24,598</b>	<b>7</b>

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