

# A Critical Analysis of GOI Schemes for Scheduled Caste- DAPSC – 2021-22

(Development Action Plan for SCs 2021-22. Formerly called SC Sub Plan)

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## CHAPTER I

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### OFFICE MEMORANDUM

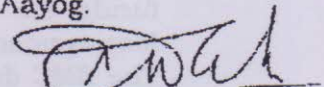
**Subject: Guidelines on New Arrangement for Earmarking of Funds for Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP).**

Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs vide their D.O. letter No. 2 (21)-B(Cdn) / 2016, dated 31.12.2016 had earlier requested NITI Aayog to review Ministry / Department wise existing arrangement of SC/ST allocations and update it keeping in view the changes, since the last earmarking was done by the Planning Commission.

2. The issues were considered in NITI Aayog in consultation with various stakeholders i.e. concerned Central Ministries/Departments, State Governments, National Commissions for SCs and STs and Samavesh Forum of NITI Aayog, in addition to internal examination and review of the issues in NITI Aayog. On the basis of suggestions that emerged from the consultations and internal review the guidelines new arrangements for earmarking of funds and implementation of schemes for SCs and STs have been prepared.

3. The Guidelines are enclosed for consideration by the Ministry of Finance for the upcoming Union Budget 2018-19.

This issues with the approval of Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog.



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**Guidelines for earmarking of funds for Development Action Plan for SCs and STs (DAPSC & DAPST)**

The earlier system of planning has been discontinued and there has been merger of plan and non-plan expenditure with effect from 2017-18. In the changed system of budgeting, there is a need for clarity regarding new arrangement for earmarking of funds for SCs and STs in their budgets by the concerned Central Ministries/Departments.

2. Earlier earmarking of funds for SCs and STs were done by the concerned Ministries/Departments against their Plan allocation under the broad strategies of Scheduled Cases Su-Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) as per the criteria recommended by the Task Force, 2010. Earmarked allocation was also shown Ministry/Department-wise against the respective Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) and Central Sector Schemes (CSs) in the Union Budget document. The Task Force constituted by the erstwhile Planning Commission had recommended for differential earmarking i.e. earmarking at different rates the Ministries/Departments and only against their plan outlay. Non-Plan component of the outlays were kept out of purview of the Sub-Plans. The Task Force had identified 26 Ministries/Departments for SCSP and 32 for TSP as obligated to earmark funds and implement schemes for SCs and STs.

3. In view of new system of budgeting, NITI Aayog was entrusted with the task of looking into the issue of alternative arrangements for earmarking of funds for SCs and STs. The matter was considered by the Senior Management Committee (SMC) of NITI Aayog in its meeting on 24.04.2017. The SMC desired, Shri Ratan P. Watal, Principal Adviser, Social Sector, NITI Aayog to guide SMC on the matter. The recommendations stated in these guidelines are outcome of consultation process (2017) under the Chairmanship of Principal Adviser, and would guide the earmarking of funds by the Ministries/Departments for DAPSC and DAPST, while going beyond and building on the recommendations of the earlier Task Force 2010, signifying continuity with enrichment. Some other issues considered regarding earmarking of funds, were as follows:

- (i) Whether strategy for implementation of the schemes for welfare of SCs and STs shall continue as per existing guidelines?
- (ii) Decision regarding 'No-Obligation Ministries/Departments'.
- (iii) Need or otherwise of a national level institution to work as think-tank for SCs and STs.

