

**SPECIAL COMPONENT SUB PLAN
FOR 2006-2007**

CHAPTER-I

INTRODUCTION

The Special Component Sub Plan strategy for the Welfare of Scheduled Castes introduced during the 6th plan period is a special device under which various development Departments of the State Government are required to quantify and set apart an amount of their own plan budget provision for various welfare activities of the Scheduled Castes. The quantified amount should not be less than the percentage of scheduled castes population in the State. It is a drive to expedite and ensure well coordinated development of the Scheduled Castes communities in economic, social, educational and cultural spheres. The Department of Welfare for Scheduled Castes had been declared as the Nodal Agency and is responsible for coordinating and supervising all Scheduled Castes Welfare activities under the Special Component Plan. The introduction of this strategy has started yielding the desired result.

1.2. In order to ensure proper and 100% utilization of the Special Component Plan funds, the State Government had issued specific direction not to divert the amount quantified in the Annual Plan Budget of the respective Department. In January 1996 a decision was taken by the Government to book the SCSP fund of all other Deptts. against the budget head of the S.C. Welfare Deptt. and accordingly this is being followed. All SCSP funds are booked under Demand No. 20 of the S.C. Welfare Deptt.

1.3. For implementation of the programmes under the Special Component Sub Plan, the State Government have identified. 298 SCSP villages having Scheduled Castes concentration. Out of these 298 villages, 238 villages have Scheduled Castes population of 20% or above but below 50%.

The remaining 60 villages have Scheduled Caste population of 50% and above.