

Nanaji Deshmukh Scheme of Construction of Hostels for DNTs' Boys and Girls
(Centrally Sponsored Scheme)

(Effective from 2014-15)

1. Background

The Government had constituted a National Commission for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes headed by Shri Bal Krishna Sidram Renke in the year 2005 which submitted its Report on 2.7.2008. A draft Note for the Cabinet based on the points of convergence of the recommendations was prepared and placed before the Cabinet. The Cabinet considered the proposal and directed that an appropriate scheme for construction of hostels for students belonging to such Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes not included in the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes be framed. It has been recognized that education and economic support for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes has not been adequate and there is disparity between the DNTs and other sections of the population at every level. In view of the same, it is felt that earnest efforts are required to introduce various new schemes specifically for this target group i.e. Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes to bring them at par with the other sections of the population.

2. Objective of the Scheme

The Denotified and Nomadic Tribes (DNTs) have been at the peripheries of the society for a long time. While benefits of reservations, scholarships etc. were available to SCs/STs/OBCs, no such welfare schemes are available for the welfare of these DNTs i.e. those who are not covered under SC, ST or OBC. The Scheme is for bringing about a focused intervention on these classes so that they are empowered socially and economically and their lives are also improved. These schemes will be of continuous and permanent nature.

2.2 The hostels would be constructed as an additional support to the existing hostels for the SCs/OBCs/General category students. However, the construction of the hostels would be done on a pro-rata basis based on the number of seats for the target group. Construction of hostels would be done in conjugation with other similar hostel schemes being implemented by this Ministry and other

Ministries/Departments (viz. Department of Higher Education etc) for the welfare of SCs, STs and OBCs. Hence there would be no overlap of the schemes between the Departments/Ministries.

2.3 The Scheme of Construction of Hostels for Boys and Girls belonging to Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Tribes would be run through State Governments/UT Administrations. Preference would be given to integrated hostels (which are part of established educational institutions) over stand-alone hostels. Accordingly, hostels are also proposed to be sanctioned to Universities/Educational Institutions as extension to the existing hostels, as far as possible basically to aim at integrated hostels. The Central Government will provide a maximum of 500 seats per annum throughout the country. It is proposed to release Rs.3 lakh per seat for the hostel and Rs.5,000/- per seat for furniture. The financial assistance would be released to the State Governments/UT Administrations/Universities/Colleges which would cater to the requirements of the students belonging to DNT communities.

3. Eligibility Criteria

Those Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (DNTs) whose family income is less than Rs. 2.0 lacs per annum will be eligible for admission into the hostels.

4. Project targets

4.1 The objective of the Scheme is to improve educational empowerment of the DNTs who are not covered under SC/ST/OBC category. For this purpose it is proposed that:

- a. The construction of the hostels would be done on a prorata basis based on the number of seats for the target group. Construction of hostels would be done in conjugation with other similar hostel schemes being implemented by this Ministry & other Ministries/Departments for the welfare of SCs, STs and OBCs.
- b. Details of the specific schemes proposed to be included in this (including objectives and targets) are:

Scheme	Frequency	Rate Norms
Construction of hostels	-	Rs. 3.0 lakh per seat plus Rs.5,000/- per seat for furniture.

- c. Besides, all Ministries/Departments of Government of India will be requested to include DNTs in their Welfare Schemes.
- d. The income limit of Rs. 2 Lakh per annum (i.e. combined income of husband and wife) will be valid for the purpose of identification of DNT beneficiaries.
- e. States would be given allocation of funds in proportion to their DNT population.

5. The timeline for the implementation of the proposed schemes is as under:

Year	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Scheme			
Construction of hostels	Funds transfer to States – December Utilization of funds by States - March	Funds transfer to States – April Utilization of funds by States - December	Funds transfer to States – April Utilization of funds by States - December

5.1 The welfare schemes for the DNTs are to be implemented through allocation of funds to the State Governments in proportion to their DNT population. Once the funds become available to the Ministry, these will be transferred to the respective State Governments for implementation at the field level. As per requirement for the new scheme, the ratio of State and Centre would be 25:75 for funding. The concept of committed liability would hence not be applied to this scheme.

5.2 During the construction of hostels, a certificate from the District Collector or the Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat will be taken that intended proposed work has not been sanctioned earlier under SSA during the current financial year and previous years.

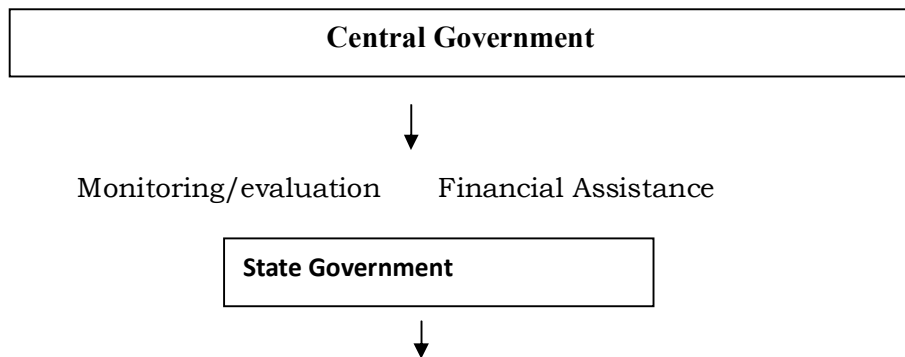
5.3 In the above scheme, the only recurring costs expected would be related to the regular maintenance and upkeep of the hostels. However, since the hostels would be under the administrative control of the State Governments/Universities etc, this expenditure would not be borne by the Central Government. As and when a proposal for construction of new hostel is approved, the concerned State Government/University etc would be consulted for bearing the continuing recurring expenditure. In addition to the above, during construction of hostels, an one-time grant of Rs.5,000/- per seat will be paid to the State Governments for purchase of furniture.

6. Project implementation and monitoring

The project will be implemented by BC Division of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The norms and conditions of the Scheme will be revised as and when required with the approval of the competent authority.

6.2 In the case of Scheme for Construction of Hostels for the boys and girls belonging to the DNTs, the funds will be released by the Central Government as under:

6.3 Funds will be released to the State Governments/Union Territories as per their requirement. In case of the State Government, the flow of funds will be as per chart given below:



6.4 The monitoring of the projects would at various stages as under:

- (i) Central level – Steering Committee of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment under the Chairmanship of Secretary/Addl. Secretary.

- (ii) State level – Monitoring Committee of the concerned State Government under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary, Backward Classes
- (iii) District level – Implementation Committee in the concerned Districts under the Chairmanship of Collector/DM