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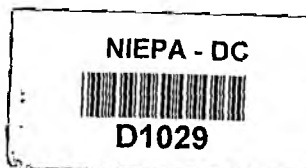
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## PREFACE

A scheme of "Supply of uniforms to scheduled castes girl students studying in Primary and Middle classes" was introduced in the state during 1976-77 with the object of promoting education among them. Under this scheme, it was envisaged to provide free uniform costing Rs. 15/- to each of the scheduled castes girls students studying upto the middle level. An evaluation study of this scheme was carried out by the Economic and Statistical Organisation with a view to examining its working and impact and suggesting the necessary correctives which may be applied to improving its functioning.

The study revealed that the programme created favourable impact on encouraging the scheduled castes girls students to take up to education as not only their enrolment went up during 1978-79 over 1976-77 but their percentage to total girl students also improved. It was further found that sufficient cloth required for an uniform was not supplied. The provision of Rs. 15/- per uniform under the scheme was also reported to be inadequate and was suggested that it be raised to Rs. 25/- to Rs. 30/-. The report also highlights other observations which have direct bearing on the implementation of the scheme.

It is hoped that the findings/suggestions contained in the report would prove useful in improving the over-all functioning of the programme.

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CHAPTER - I  
INTRODUCTORY

1.1 Of the various measures taken up by the Government for the uplift of Scheduled Castes, the spread of education among them has been considered to be an essential pre-requisite for their all round development. Accordingly, a number of schemes/programmes are being implemented by the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Department for the Promotion of education amongst these classes.

During the year 1976-77, a scheme known as "Supply of Uniforms to Girls students belonging to Scheduled Castes studying in Primary and Middle Classes" was started by the Welfare Department. The scheme was being implemented through the Education Department. Under this scheme the Government decided to provide a free uniform costing Rs. 15/- to each scheduled caste girl student studying in primary and middle classes.

The main object of the scheme was to give an impetus to education for scheduled castes girl students studying in Primary and Middle Classes as the literacy rate among them is very low as compared to general one.

1.2 Evaluation of the Scheme: The Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Department has desired that an evaluation study of the scheme may be under-taken by the Economic and Statistical Organisation, Haryana for assessing the working and implementation of the scheme and suggesting necessary correctives to be applied for improvement. Accordingly, a quick evaluation study has been carried out with the following main objectives: -

1. To assess, whether the rates proposed by the Welfare Department for providing two uniforms costing Rs. 20/- and Rs. 30/- each to primary and middle classes respectively and the proposed rate of Rs. 30/- per student under the new scheme of the Education Department are adequate or not ?

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- ii) ii) to ascertain whether the cloth purchased by the various District Education Officers is more or less uniform in relation to the quality and rates of cloth?
- iii) to examine whether the purchase of cloth by a centralised agency is desirable or status quo should continue ?
- iv) to know the extent of benefit accrued to scheduled castes girl students at Primary and Middle levels respectively and ;
- v) Criteria adopted and to be followed for the selection of beneficiaries in view of the limitation of the funds under the scheme.

### 1.3 Methodology adopted for the study:

The study is based on detailed information both quantitative and qualitative collected from district/block/school and household level. The following coverage and sampling design was adopted for the study.

- i) Requisite primary and secondary/information relating to the scheme was collected from all the District Education officers in the State.
- ii) Four education blocks namely Raipur Rani and chhachhrauli of Ambala district and Farrukhnagar and F-erozepur Jhirka of Gurgaon district were covered under the samplly study. From each block 3 schools were surveyed. In all, 12 schools(11 primary and 1 middle were surveyed for knowing the working and implementation of the scheme.
- iii) The opinion/viewsof the teacher-in-charge of the selected schools were also obtained about the scheme.
- iv) All the Scheduled Castes households in the selected villages were contacted and desired information was collected through interview method for knowing their views and impact of the scheme.

In all, 219 scheduled castes households were contacted.

1.4 Schedules and questionnaires:- Keeping in view the methodology and coverage of the study, the following four sets of schedules were structured for collecting the requisite information/data from different levels.

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- Schedule 'A' = : District Education Officer Schedule
- Schedule 'A-I' : Opinion of Block Education Officer
- Schedule 'B' : Opinion of Head of the selected school
- Schedule 'C' : Scheduled Castes household Schedule

The field survey was conducted during the month of November, 1979. The secondary data collected generally related to years 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79.

## CHAPTER - II

### IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME

2.1 The scheme "Supply of Uniforms to Scheduled Castes Girl Students Studying in Primary and Middle Classes" is being financed from the plan budget of the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Department and is implemented by the Education Department. The Education Department allocates the funds to all the District Education Officers in the State. The District Education Officers had been made responsible for the purchase <sup>and</sup> distribution of uniform cloth in their districts. The uniform cloth purchased by the DEO on contract rates is supplied to the BEO's. The BEO's send the cloth to the Heads of the schools centres in proportion to the strength of the girl students. The uniform cloth is then distributed to the beneficiary girl students by the Schools.

Under this scheme, free uniform costing Rs. 15/- each has to be provided to a scheduled castes girl student studying in Primary and Middle classes. Rs. 1.00 lakh each was spent under the scheme during the years 1976-77 and 1977-78 and it has been reported that 6660 girl students in each year had been benefited from the scheme. A provision of Rs. 2.00 lakh was made under the scheme for the year 1978-79. However, only Rs. 1.00 lakh was sanctioned and spent by the Education Department. The Government has earmarked Rs. 4.00 lakhs for the year 1979-80.

2.2 Scheduled Castes Girl Students: For evaluating the present Scheme it is necessary to know the number of scheduled castes girl students vis-a-vis total number of students in primary and Secondary stages in the State.

2.3 Primary classes: The total enrolment of boys and girls at Primary stage during the year 1976-77 to 1978-79 is set out in Table 2.1.

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TABLE 2.1

Total enrolment of students in Primary Stage in Haryana during 76-77 to 78-79

| Year    | Total  |        | Scheduled Castes |        |       | %age of Col.7 to col. 4 | %age of col. 6 to col. 3 |      |
|---------|--------|--------|------------------|--------|-------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------|
|         | Boys   | Girls  | Total            | Boys   | Girls |                         |                          |      |
| 1976-77 | 791918 | 357612 | 1167530          | 126222 | 36003 | 162225                  | 13.9                     | 9.6  |
| 1977-78 | 776984 | 369314 | 1146298          | 121911 | 36386 | 158497                  | 13.8                     | 9.9  |
| 1978-79 | 787565 | 385459 | 1173024          | 128037 | 39211 | 167248                  | 14.3                     | 10.2 |

It will be seen that the total number of Scheduled castes girl students in Primary stage increased from 36003 in 1976-77 to 39211 during 1978-79. The percentage of scheduled castes girl students to total girls enrolment formed 9.6 percent during the year 1976-77. The percentage improved to 10.2 in the year 1978-79.

It is pointed here that Scheduled Castes students formed 14.3 percent of the total number of students in Primary classes in the State during the year 1978-79. of which girl students comprise only 3.3 percent. Scheduled Castes constitute of 19 percent to the total population in the State. The percentage of scheduled castes boys and girls attending the schools is improving year by year.

2.4 Middle Classes: The total strength of the students in Middle classes during 1976-77 to 1978-79 is set out in Table 2.2.

TABLE 2.2

Total enrolment of students in Middle stage in Haryana during 1976-77 to 1978-79.

| Year    | Total  |        | Scheduled Castes |       |       | %age of Col.7 to col. 4 | %age of col.6 to col. 3 |     |
|---------|--------|--------|------------------|-------|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----|
|         | Boys   | Girls  | Total            | Boys  | Girls |                         |                         |     |
| 1976-77 | 290149 | 94640  | 384789           | 33083 | 3468  | 36551                   | 9.5                     | 3.7 |
| 1977-78 | 309398 | 97627  | 406945           | 36138 | 3941  | 40079                   | 9.8                     | 4.0 |
| 1978-79 | 327030 | 107875 | 434905           | 37515 | 4589  | 42104                   | 9.7                     | 4.3 |

It will be observed that the number of scheduled Castes girls studying in Middle stage rose from 3468 in 1976-77 to 4589 during the year 1978-79. Scheduled Castes girls comprised 4.3 percent of the total girls enrolment in the State during the year 1978-79.

The scheduled Castes students enrolled in Middle classed formed 9.7 percent of the total number of students in the State during the year 1978-79 out of which 1.1 percent were girls. The percentage of scheduled Castes girls attending Middle classes is also improving gradually.

2.5. Requirement and provision of funds: Under the scheme, a scheduled Castes girl student was to be provided one uniform costing Rs. 15/-. At this rate, the total requirement of the funds according to the strength of the scheduled castes girls studying in primary and Middle Classes has been worked out in Table 2.3

TABLE 2.3

Requirement of funds and amount sanctioned under the scheme

(Rs in lakhs)

| Year    | No. of scheduled Castes girl students |              | Requirement of funds |                |                  | Total amount sanctioned. | %age of amount sanctioned to requirement. |
|---------|---------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------------|---|
|         | Primary stage                         | Middle stage | Primary Classes      | Middle classes | To be sanctioned |                          |   |
| 1.      | 2.                                    | 3.           | 4.                   | 5.             | 6.               | 7.                       | 8.  |
| 1976-77 | 36003                                 | 3468         | 5.40                 | 0.52           | 5.92             | 1.00                     | 16.7                                      |
| 1977-78 | 36586                                 | 3941         | 5.49                 | 0.59           | 6.08             | 1.00                     | 16.5                                      |
| 1978-79 | 39211                                 | 4589         | 5.88                 | 0.69           | 6.57             | 1.00                     | 15.2                                      |

It will be seen that the amount provided under the scheme was about 1/6th of the total requirement during the years 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79.

2.6 District-wise allocation of funds: The information collected from the Education Department reveals (Appendix-I) that uniform allocation of funds had been made among the districts. Where as the number of scheduled castes girls students in Primary and Middle stage in the districts (Appendix-II) varied largely.

As such it is desired/suggested that allocation of funds to the district under the scheme may be made in proportion to the strength of the students in the districts. The department has reported that allocation of funds, ~~away~~ <sup>among</sup> the districts has been made according to estimated number of scheduled castes girl students from the year 1979-80.

2.7 Information was collected from all the District Education Officers pertaining to the number of scheduled castes girl students provided uniforms, source of purchase of uniform cloth, average length of cloth distributed per beneficiary, price of the uniform cloth etc. It is mentioned here that great difficulty was experienced in collecting the correct and complete requisite data from the DEOs. A few of the DEOs have supplied the data very late.

The scheme was started from the year 1976-77. Necessary funds were allocated to the DEOs by the Director Public Instruction Haryana for the purchase of cloth. During the first year of the scheme (1976-77) the funds were sanctioned to DEOs in the month of March, 1977. Therefore, the uniform cloth purchased during 1976-77 could be distributed in the year 1977-78.

2.8 Source of purchase of cloth: The DEOs have purchased the uniform cloth through approved agencies like National Textile Corporation, Khadi Bhandar, Cooperative Stores, Red Cross Society etc. The quality of uniform cloth was generally popline or khadar. The colour of the uniform cloth varied among districts.

The general opinion of the DEOs was that uniform cloth should be purchased through central agency so that there is uniformity in quality and price. A few DEOs, however, favoured the idea of purchase of cloth by the DEOs themselves. Scheduled Castes girl students study in primary and middle classes were provided uniform cloth. It was suggested that stitching charges should also be paid to the beneficiary girl students.

2.9 Average price of cloth per metre:- The data supplied by DEOs has revealed that the average purchase price of cloth per metre varied from district to district during the year 1976-77 to 1978-79. The district-wise details ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> given in Appendix-III.

It would be observed from the Appendix that the model price of uniform cloth per metre was Rs. 5 to 6.

The general consensus of the DEOs was that the amount of Rs. 15/- for a uniform was not sufficient and suggested that the amount should be Rs. 25 to 30 per uniform. They have further recommended that if resources permitted two uniforms may be provided to a student in one year.

The study has revealed that no <sup>un</sup>uniform/well set standard was followed in the districts for the supply of uniform cloth to the girl students. The average length of cloth distributed per student for a uniform varied among the districts. Although, as per record, the girl students have been provided adequate cloth required for a uniform, the field survey, however, has revealed that a number of students have not received enough cloth for a complete uniform.

2.10 Distribution of Uniforms Cloth: Scheduled castes girl students studying mostly in primary classes were provided uniform cloth by the department. A number of girl students studying in *middle classes were also supplied uniform cloth in* Bhiwani, Hissar, Sirsa, Rohtak and Sonapat Districts.

The district-wise total number of scheduled castes girl students provided uniform cloth during 1976-77 to 1978-79 are given in Appendix-IV.

CHAPTER-III  
FIELD SURVEY

3.1 With a view to examine the implementation of the scheme within the districts, to ascertain the views of the scheduled castes and to know impact of the scheme, a field survey was conducted by the investigating staff of the Evaluation Unit. The field survey covered 12 schools (11 Primary and 1 Middle) of Gurgaon and Ambala districts. Views of the Teachers-in-Charge of the selected schools were obtained relating to the scheme. Besides, all the scheduled castes households in the selected villages were also contacted and requisite information obtained through interview method. In all, 219 scheduled castes households were interviewed.

3.2 Selected Schools: It is mentioned here that some difficulty was observed in selecting the schools. The Block Education Officers/Sub-Division Education Officer and Incharge of the Centre Schools were ignorant/not aware about the list of schools where the uniform cloth had been distributed to scheduled castes girl students. No proper record was maintained/available in these places about the uniform cloth distributed to schools.

12 schools, 11 primary and 1 middle were visited by the field staff. The total strength of scheduled castes girl students studying in primary classes in these schools during the year 1978-79 was 83. The number of scheduled castes girl students per primary school ranged from 1 to 22. On an average, 7 scheduled castes girls were studying in a primary school.

No distribution of uniform cloth had been made in 4 of the selected schools during the years 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79. Two schools had distributed uniform cloth to 9 girl students including 1 in middle classes in the year 1977-78. During the year 1978-79, 27 scheduled castes girls in primary classes out of 83 were provided uniform cloth. Besides, 3 Harijan girls studying in middle classes were also provided cloth. The sample study had revealed that in two selected villages of Ferozpur Zhirka block, uniform cloth had been provided to two boys also.

In one of the selected schools of Raipur Rani block 22.50 metres of cloth was received. This cloth was distributed to 15 scheduled castes girls @ 1.50 metres per student. Similarly, in the selected schools of Gurgaon block 14.25 metres of cloth was provided to 14 students. On an average 1.27 meters of cloth was distributed to a girl student in the selected schools.

This shows that the schools were not following any uniform pattern in distributing the cloth to the girl students. The schools followed the policy of satisfying maximum number of students. The quantity of cloth provided to a student was not sufficient for a complete dress. On an average, 2.50 metres of cloth is required for a uniform (Salwar & Kameez) for a primary class student. In view of this, it is desired/suggested that each beneficiary should be provided cloth for a complete uniform.

It was reported by the teachers that the economic criterion had been adopted in selecting the beneficiary students. A few teachers suggested that scheduled castes girl students should be provided one uniform of good quality in a year. Some recommended that two uniforms may be provided. It was reported that a uniform of good quality costs around Rs.25/-.

The teachers desired that the distribution of uniform cloth should generally be made in the beginning of the session. Further, the colour of the uniform cloth should be that of the prevalent uniform colour of the school.

It was desired that the system of distribution of uniforms/cloth should be streamlined. Further, proper record should be maintained at the Block Education Office and at the centre headquarter about the quantity of cloth/number of uniforms distributed under the scheme to different schools. School-wise list of students provided uniform/cloth should be maintained at the school/block level.

3.3 Scheduled Castes households: All the scheduled castes households of the villages in which selected schools were located were contacted for knowing the extent of scheduled castes children attending the schools, ascertaining the views of the scheduled castes about the scheme and its impact. In all, 219 scheduled castes



households were residing in the selected villages. The total population of Harijans was 1417. The average size of a family works out to 6.47.

Data was collected about the number of scheduled castes children attending the schools in the age group 6-16 years. The following table has been derived from this data.

TABLE 3.1

Number of Scheduled Caste's children in the age group 6-16 years attending schools in the selected villages.

| Particular      | Number of children |       |       | %age to total children |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------|-------|------------------------|
|                 | Boys               | Girls | Total |                        |
| 1.              | 2.                 | 3.    | 4.    | 5.                     |
| Primary classes | 133                | 69    | 202   | 60.8                   |
| Middle Classes  | 33                 | 7     | 40    | 12.1                   |
| High classes    | 18                 | 1     | 19    | 5.7                    |
| Total attending | 184                | 77    | 261   | 78.6                   |
| Not attending   | 34                 | 37    | 71    | 21.4                   |
| Total children  | 218                | 114   | 332   | 100.0                  |

It will be observed from the above table that 78.6 percent of the children in the age group 6-16 years were attending schools. 60.8 percent children were in primary classes, 12.1 percent in middle and 5.7 percent in high/higher secondary classes at the time of survey. Out of 114 Harijan girls, 37(32.5 percent) were not attending the schools. The Children attending primary classes, 65.8 percent were boys and 34.2 percent girls. In middle classes, the percentage of boys and girls was 82.5 and 17.5 respectively.

The field survey revealed that 26 Harijan Girl students studying in primary classes out of 69 received uniform cloth during the year 1978-79. Besides, 2 Harijan boys were also provided uniform cloth in the selected villages of Ferozpur Jhirka block. The beneficiary girl students belonged to Balmiki, chamar, Ramdasia and other castes.

3.4 Views of the scheduled castes households regarding the quality of uniform cloth provided, number of uniforms required,

provision of stitched uniform or uniform cloth etc. were a..50 obtained.

Some of the scheduled castes households whose girl students received uniform cloth stated that the quality of cloth provided was inferior. They desired that good quality cloth should be provided. The general complaint of the <sup>households was that quantity of cloth provided</sup> student was not sufficient <sup>to</sup> for a complete uniform. They demanded that adequate cloth should be provided for a complete uniform.

As regards the number of uniforms to be provided to a student, majority of the households were of the opinion that ~~als~~ two uniforms should be provided in a year. However, they also expressed the view that keeping in view the availability of funds one uniform of good quality may be provided for the time being. It was the considered opinion of almost all the households that one uniform of good quality was preferable than two uniforms of inferior quality.

The opinion of the scheduled castes households as to whether girl students be provided uniform cloth or stitched uniform were not unanimous. Some opined that stitched uniform be supplied while others suggested that cloth should be provided. However, the majority favoured the provision of cloth rather than the stitched uniforms. A few also suggested that stitching charges should be paid in cash to the students.

A number of parents reported that they have been encouraged to send their girls to schools as a result of supply of free uniforms.

3.5 General observations and suggestions:- It is suggested/ desired that uniform cloth should reach the schools at the start of the session. This will encourage more and more scheduled castes girl student to join the schools.

Further, all the scheduled castes girl students getting admission in the 1st class should be provided uniforms.

It has been observed that in majority of the cases the cloth distributed to the students was not sufficient in length for a complete dress i.e Kameej and Salwar. It is essential that every beneficiary is provided cloth for a complete dress.

On an average 2.50 metres of cloth is required for a primary class student.

Keeping in view the financial constraints good quality cloth for one uniform may be provided to all the scheduled castes girls students in primary and middle classes. One good quality uniform has been preferred to two uniforms of inferior quality. A good quality uniform cloth costs around Rs. 25.

No set procedure had been followed in the previous years for the distribution of uniform cloth to the students. No proper records had been maintained by the District Education Officers/ Sub-Divisional Education Officers/Block Education Officers about the names of the schools provided uniform cloth and the quantity of cloth provided to each school. It is desired/suggested that the whole procedure should be streamlined. Proper record should be maintained by the DEO's/SDEO's/BEO's in regard to the names of the schools, length of cloth distributed to each school and the number of beneficiaries received uniform cloth in each school separately. Further, the schools should maintain a list of beneficiaries with the quantity of cloth recorded against each name. A copy of this list should be sent to the District Education Officer. Sample checking of the distribution of cloth should be done by the District Education Officers.

CHAPTER-IV  
SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

A number of education schemes/programmes are being implemented in the State for the promotion of education amongst the Scheduled Castes. During the year 1976-77, a scheme known as "Supply of Uniforms to Scheduled Castes Girl Students studying in Primary and Middle Classes" was started by the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Department. This scheme was being implemented through the Education Department. Under this scheme, scheduled castes girl students studying in primary and middle classes are provided free uniforms costing Rs. 15/- each.

The main object of the scheme was to give an impetus to education among scheduled castes girl students in primary and middle classes as the literacy rate among them is very low as compared to the general one.

The Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Department has desired that an evaluation study of the scheme be undertaken by the Economic & Statistical Organisation. Accordingly a quick evaluation study had been carried out for examining the working and implementation of the scheme and suggesting necessary correctives to be applied for improvement.

The study was based on primary and secondary data collected from different levels. The sample study covered 12 schools (11 primary and 1 middle) of Ambala and Gurgaon districts. Views of the Teachers-in-charge of the selected schools were obtained relating to the scheme. Besides, 219 scheduled castes households of the selected villages were also interviewed.

The main findings of the study are:

1. The total enrolment of scheduled castes girl students in primary classes during the year 1976-77 was 36003. The number rose to 39211 in the year 1978-79. Scheduled castes girl students in primary classes formed 9.6 percent of the total girls enrolment during the year 1976-77. The percentage improved to 10.2 in the year 1978-79.

Similarly, the number of scheduled castes girls students studying in middle classes in the State increased from 3468 in 1976-77 to 4589 during the year 1978-79. The scheduled castes girls formed 4.3 percent of the total girl enrolment in the State in middle classes in 1978-79.

2. The total requirement of funds for the scheme keeping in view the enrolment of scheduled castes girl students in primary and middle classes during 1976-77, 77-78 and 78-79 was Rs. 5.92 lakhs Rs. 6.08 lakhs and Rs. 6.57 lakhs respectively. However, the amount sanctioned under the scheme was Rs. 1.00 lakh each during three years. This shows that amount provided under the scheme was 1/6th of the total requirement.

It is mentioned here that Rs. 2.00 lakhs were earmarked for the scheme during the year 1978-79. However only Rs. 1.00 lakh was actually sanctioned by the Education Department.

3. Equal allocation of funds was made by the Education Department among the districts, whereas the number of scheduled castes girl students in primary and middle classes in the districts varied largely.

Therefore, it is desired/suggested that allocation of funds to the districts under the scheme may be made in proportion to the enrolment of scheduled castes girls in the districts.

4. The DEOs have purchased the uniform cloth through approved agencies like Red Cross Society, Khadi Bhandar, Co-operative Store and National Textile Corporation. The colour and quality of the uniform cloth varied among districts. Similarly, the average purchase price per metre also varied from district to district.

The general opinion of the DEOs was that uniform cloth may be purchased through central agency so that there is uniformity in quality and price.

5. The general consensus of the DEOs was that the amount of Rs. 15/- for a uniform was not sufficient and suggested that the amount should be Rs. 25 to 30 per uniform. They have also recommended that if resources permitted, two uniforms may be provided to a girl student in one year.

It was also suggested that stitching charges may be paid to the beneficiary girl students.

6. The study has revealed that no uniform/well set standard was followed in the districts for the supply of uniform cloth to the scheduled castes girl students. Although, as per record, the girl students have been provided adequate cloth required for a uniform, the field survey, however, has revealed that a number of beneficiaries have not received enough cloth for a complete uniform.

7. The field survey has revealed that uniform cloth had been distributed to the scheduled castes girl students studying mostly in primary classes. It was in a few cases that the cloth was provided to s.c. girls studying in middle classes.

No distribution of cloth had been made during the year 1976-77.

8. It is mentioned here that no proper record was maintained/available in the office of the DEOs/SDEOs BEOs about the distribution of uniform cloth to various schools.
9. The total number of scheduled castes girl students studying in primary classes of the 12 selected schools during the year 1978-79 was 83. The number of students per primary school ranged from 1 to 22. On an average 7 S.C. girls were studying in primary classes in a selected school.
10. No distribution of uniform cloth had been made during the year 1976-77. Out of 12 selected schools, only two schools distributed uniform cloth to 9 girls students (8 primary students and 1 middle student) in the year 1977-78. During the year 1978-79, 27 scheduled castes girls in primary classes out of 83 in the selected schools were provided uniform cloth. Besides, 3 scheduled castes girls in middle classes were also provided uniform cloth.

It is interesting to point out here that in the selected schools of Gurgaon district (Ferozpur Jhirka block) 2 scheduled castes boys of primary classes had also been provided uniform cloth.

11. The survey revealed that in one of the selected schools of Raipur Rani block, 22.50 metres of cloth was distributed to 15 scheduled castes girl students. Similarly, in the selected schools of Gurgaon block, 14.25 metres of cloth was provided to 14 students.

On an average, 1.27 metres of uniform cloth was given to a beneficiary girl student in the selected schools. This shows that the schools were not following any set policy in distributing the cloth to the girl students. The schools followed the policy of satisfying maximum number of girl students. The cloth provided to a beneficiary was not sufficient for a complete dress. On an average, 2.50 metres of cloth is required for a uniform (Salwar & Kameez) for a primary class student.

12. Economic status had been adopted as the criterion by the schools in selecting the beneficiary girl students. The girls provided uniform cloth in the selected schools, belonged to Balmiki, Chamar, Ramdasia and other Scheduled Castes.
13. The views of the teachers interviewed were not unanimous about the number of uniforms to be provided to a student. Some suggested that girls should be provided one uniform of good quality in a year. A few recommended that two uniforms may be provided.

Anyhow, it was reported that a uniform of good quality costs about Rs. 25/-.

14. Some of the scheduled castes households whose girls students received uniform cloth reported that the quality of cloth provided was inferior. They desired that good quality cloth should be purchased and supplied.

Further, the general complaint of the households was that the quantity of cloth provided to a student was not enough for a complete uniform. Hardly a Salwar or a Kameez could be made of that piece of cloth. They demanded that sufficient quantity of cloth should be provided for a complete uniform.

15. Majority of the households interviewed reported that one uniform was not sufficient and desired that two uniforms be provided in a year to a girl student. However, they also expressed the view that keeping in view the availability of the funds, one uniform of good quality may be provided for the time being.
16. The views of the scheduled castes households whether girl students be provided uniform cloth or stitched uniform were not unanimous. Some suggested that stitched uniforms may be provided whereas other desired that cloth should be provided.

#### General observations and suggestions

17. The uniform cloth should be purchased by the Head Office through contract rate instead of by the District Education Officers. With this procedure there will be uniformity in rates as well as in quality. The supply of uniform cloth has been favoured/desired as compared to the stitched uniforms.

18. Equal allocation of funds was made among the districts. It is desired/suggested that the uniform cloth should be distributed among the District Education officers on the basis of the strength of scheduled castes girl students in primary and middle classes in the districts. District Education Offices should further distribute the cloth in the blocks according to the strength of students. However, preference may be given to backward blocks.

The education department has reported that allocation of funds is now being made according to estimated enrolment from the year 1979-80.

19. It has been desired that uniform cloth should reach the schools at the time of starting of the school session. This will encourage scheduled castes girl students in joining the schools. Further, all the girl students getting admission in Ist class should be provided uniforms.
20. Every beneficiary should be provided cloth for a complete uniform. On an average, 2.50 meters of cloth is required for a primary class student.
21. Keeping in view the availability of funds good quality cloth for one uniform may be provided to all the scheduled castes girl students in primary and middle classes. A good quality uniform costs around Rs. 25/-.
22. The procedure of distribution of uniform cloth should be stream lined by the District Education officers. Proper records should be maintained by the District Education Officers/Sub-Divisional Education Officers/Block Education Officers about the names of schools supplied uniform cloth, length of cloth distributed and number of beneficiaries received uniform cloth. Further, the schools should maintain the list of beneficiaries provided uniform cloth.



APPENDIX-I

District-wise allocation of funds under the scheme during the year 1976-77 to 1978-79.

| Sr. No. | Name of District | Amount allocated (Rs) |       |       | Estimated no. of S.C. girls students to be benefited |       |       |
|---------|------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------|--|-------|-------|
|         |                  | 1976-77               | 77-78 | 78-79 | 76-77  | 77-78 | 78-79 |
| 1.      | 2.               | 3.                    | 4.    | 5.    | 6.   | 7.    | 8.    |
| 1.      | Ambala           | 9075                  | 9090  | 9090  | 605  | 606   | 606   |
| 2.      | Bhiwani          | 9075                  | 9090  | 9090  | 605  | 606   | 606   |
| 3.      | Gurgaon*         | 9150                  | 9090  | 9090  | 605  | 606   | 606   |
| 4.      | Hissar           | 9075                  | 9090  | 9090  | 605  | 606   | 606   |
| 5.      | Jind             | 9075                  | 9105  | 9090  | 605  | 607   | 606   |
| 6.      | Karnal           | 9075                  | 9090  | 9090  | 605  | 606   | 606   |
| 7.      | Kurukshetra      | 9075                  | 9090  | 9090  | 605  | 606   | 606   |
| 8.      | Mahendragarh     | 9075                  | 9090  | 9090  | 610  | 606   | 606   |
| 9.      | Rohtak           | 9075                  | 9090  | 9090  | 605  | 606   | 606   |
| 10.     | Sirsa            | 9075                  | 9075  | 9090  | 605  | 605   | 606   |
| 11.     | Sonepat          | 9075                  | 9090  | 9090  | 605  | 606   | 606   |
| Total   |                  | 99900                 | 99900 | 99900 | 6660   | 6666  | 6666  |

\*Earstwhile district

APPENDIX-II

District-wise enrolment of scheduled castes girls  
in Primary and Middle Classes during the year 1978-79.

| Sr. No. | District     | Primary Classes | Middle Classes |
|---------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1.      | 2.           | 3.              | 4.             |
| 1.      | Ambala       | 7906            | 1018           |
| 2.      | Bhiwani      | 2320            | 200            |
| 3.      | Gurgaon      | 4639            | 522            |
| 4.      | Hissar       | 2740            | 212            |
| 5.      | Jind         | 1545            | 116            |
| 6.      | Karnal       | 3469            | 305            |
| 7.      | Kurukshetra  | 3033            | 241            |
| 8.      | Mahendragarh | 3647            | 532            |
| 9.      | Rohtak       | 5147            | 807            |
| 10.     | Sirsa        | 1884            | 100            |
| 11.     | Sonepat      | 2881            | 536            |
|         | Total        | 39211           | 4589           |

## ANNEXURE-III

District-wise average price per metre  
of uniforms cloth purchased.

| Sr. No. | District     | 1976-77 | 1977-78 | 1978-79 |
|---------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1.      | 2.           | 3.      | 4.      | 5.      |
| 1.      | Ambala       | 6.00    | 6.00    | 6.00    |
| 2.      | Bhiwani      | 5.00    | 5.00    | 6.25    |
| 3.      | Gurgaon      | 4.50    | 5.00    | 5.00    |
| 4.      | Hissar       | 4.80    | 5.10    | 6.60    |
| 5.      | Jind         | 6.40    | 6.30    | 6.50    |
| 6.      | Karnal       | N.A     | N.A     | N.A     |
| 7.      | Kurukshetra  | N.A     | N.A     | N.A     |
| 8.      | Mehendragarh | N.A     | N.A     | N.A     |
| 9.      | Rohtak       | N.A     | 6.00    | 10.00   |
| 10.     | Sirsa        | 6.60    | 2.94    | 3.19    |
| 11.     | Sonepat      | 7.00    | 7.00    | 7.50    |

N.A.- denoted not available/not informed

ANNEXURE-IV

District-wise number of scheduled castes girl students provided uniform cloth during 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79.

| Sr. No. | District     | Girl students provided uniforms |         |         |
|---------|--------------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
|         |              | 1976-77                         | 1977-78 | 1978-79 |
| 1.      | 2.           | 3.                              | 4.      | 5.      |
| 1.      | Ambala       | 490                             | 480     | N.A     |
| 2.      | Bhiwani      | 411                             | 500     | 708     |
| 3.      | Gurgaon      | 890                             | 716     | 929     |
| 4.      | Hissar       | 590                             | 674     | 629     |
| 5.      | Jind         | 618                             | 693     | 204     |
| 6.      | Karnal       | N.A                             | N.A     | N.A     |
| 7.      | Kurukshetra  | 195                             | 230     | 331     |
| 8.      | Mahendragarh | 610                             | 606     | 626     |
| 9.      | Rohtak       | 293                             | 303     | 241     |
| 10.     | Sirsa        | 607                             | 834     | 856     |
| 11.     | Sonepat      | 606                             | 605     | 787     |

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Schedule 'A' : Opinion Schedule of District  
Education Officer.

Block-I Particulars about the Scheme

- 1.1 In which year the scheme was started in your district.
- 1.2 Coverage of the scheme
- i) Entire district
  - ii) Selected blocks
  - iii) Selected primary or Middle Schools.
  - iv) Any other criteria adopted
- 1.3 Whether the uniforms distributed to S.C. girl students studying in:
- i) Primary School only
  - ii) Primary classes in Middle/High/Higher Secondary Schools also.
  - iii) Middle classes in Middle/High/Higher Secondary Schools.
- 1.4 Criterion adopted for distribution of cloth/uniforms among the B.P.O.S?
- i) Number of schools in the blocks
  - ii) Number of students in the blocks
  - iii) Equal to all blocks.
- 1.5 Whether stitched uniform is provided to the students to cloth is given? Yes/No
- 1.6 Is the amount of Rs. 15/-per uniform is sufficient? Yes/No
- 1.7 If no, what should be the amount per uniform.  
Are you satisfied with the allotment of funds to your district? Yes/No.
- 1.8 If no, how much amount is required?
- 1.9 Are you satisfied with the quality of cloth purchased for the uniforms? Yes/No.
- 1.10 If no, what should be the quality?
- 1.11 should the cloth be purchased by the DEOs themselves, or it should be purchased by a central agency?
- 1.12 Should the uniforms be i) got stitched and supplied to the students  
ii) the stitching charge be paid to the students alongwith the cloth.
- 1.13 Difficulties, if any, faced for the
- i) Purchase of cloth
  - ii) stitching of uniforms
- 1.14 In view of the shortage of funds what criteria should be adopted for the selection of beneficiaries.

- 1.16      4      Shortcomings/difficulties/bottlenecks  
                 in the implementation of the scheme.
- 1.17      Suggestions for improvements in  
                 functioning of the scheme.

## Block-II

Implementation of the scheme1976-771977-781978-79

- 2.1 Number of scheduled caste girl students in Govt. schools.
- a) In Primary schools only
  - b) In Primary classes of Middle/High/Higher Secondary schools
  - c) In Middle classes of Middle/High/Higher Secondary Schools.
- 2.2 Number of girls students benefited
- a) In Primary schools only
  - b) In Primary classes of Middle/High/Higher Secondary schools (If any)
  - c) In Middle classes of Middle/High/Higher Secondary schools.
- 2.3 Source of purchase of cloth.
- 2.4 Total length of cloth purchased.
- 2.5 Average price of cloth per metre
- 2.6 Quality of cloth.
- 2.7 Average length of cloth used per uniform (metres)
- 2.8 Stitching charges paid, if any, per uniform
- 2.9 Total amount received under the scheme.
- 2.10 Total expenditure incurred under the scheme.

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Schedule 'A'-I Opinion of Block Education Officer

1. In which year the scheme was started in your block.
2. Total number of Govt. Schools in the block

|                                | <u>1976-77</u> | <u>1977-78</u> | <u>1978-79</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| i) Primary                     |                |                |                |
| ii) Middle                     |                |                |                |
| iii) High and Higher Secondary |                |                |                |
3. No. of Scheduled Castes girl students:
  - i) In Primary Schools
  - ii) In Primary classes of Middle/High/Higher Secondary schools.
  - iii) In Middle classes of Middle/High/Higher Secondary Schools.
4. No. of Scheduled Castes girl students provided uniforms
  - i) In Primary schools
  - ii) In Primary classes of Middle High/Higher Secondary schools.
  - iii) In Middle classes of Middle/High/Higher Secondary schools.
5. No. of schools covered under the scheme
  - i) Primary schools.
  - ii) Primary classes in Middle and High schools
  - iii) Middle classes.

Were all the S.C. girl students provided with uniforms/cloth ?

If no, reasons.

Total length(metres) of cloth received under the scheme.

Total length(metres) of cloth distributed.

What criterion had been adopted for selecting a beneficiary S.C. girl student ?

10. Were the uniforms/cloth received in time from the D.E.O ? Yes/No.
11. Are you satisfied with the quality of cloth ?
12. Should the students be provided with uniforms or cloth ?
13. Is the amount of Rs. 20/- and 30/- for two uniforms for Primary and Middle Class students respectively sufficient ? If no, what should be the amount.
14. Difficulties/shortcomings in the functioning of the scheme.
15. Suggestions for improvement.



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Schedule &B' Opinion of the Head of the selected School

- 1 Name of the School
2. Village/Block
3. Number of scheduled castes girl students in

|  |                |                |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | <u>1976-77</u> | <u>1977-78</u> | <u>1978-79</u> |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|

  - a) Primary classes
  - b) Middle classes
4. Number of girl students provided uniforms/cloth in:
  - a) Primary classes
  - b) Middle classes
- 5) Were all the S.C. girl students provided with the uniforms/cloth Yes/No.
- 6) If no, what is the percentage of S.C. Girl students provided uniforms in
  - i) Primary classes
  - ii) Middle classes
- 7) What criterion has been adopted in selecting the beneficiary students?
- 8) Were the uniforms/cloth received in time from DEO/BE0. and distributed timely to the students?
9. Should the girl students be provided with one uniform of better quality or they should be given two uniforms of the same value in a year?
10. Is the amount of Rs.20/-and 30/- for two uniforms for Primary and Middle class studnets respectively, sufficient? If no, what should be the amount.
- 11 Do the students provided uniforms/cloth generally wear them in Schools?
12. In view of shortage of funds, what criterion should be followed in selection of beneficiary girl students?
13. Are there any dropouts after getting uniforms/cloth ? If yes, number of dropouts.
14. Are you satisfied with the present arrangement of supply of uniforms/ cloth in relation to quality of cloth, stitching etc? Yes/No.
15. If no, shortcomings/defects therein
16. Suggestions for improvement in the working of the scheme.

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Schedule 'C' Scheduled Castes Household Schedule

1. Name of the head of household
2. Caste
3. Occupation
  - i) Primary
  - ii) Secondary
4. Average monthly income of the Family.
5. Total number of family members.
6. Particulars of the school going children(6 years and above)

| Sr. No. | Name | Age/Sex | Whether attending school<br>yes/No | If yes, class in which studying | If no, reasons | Years(s) in which the girl students received uniforms, if any. |
|---------|------|---------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|--|
| 1.      | 2.   | 3.      | 4.                                 | 5.                              | 6.             | 7.   |
| 1.      |      |         |                                    |                                 |                |  |
| 2.      |      |         |                                    |                                 |                |  |
| 3.      |      |         |                                    |                                 |                |  |
| 4.      |      |         |                                    |                                 |                |  |
| 5.      |      |         |                                    |                                 |                |  |
| 6.      |      |         |                                    |                                 |                |  |

7. Whether girl students provided cloth or uniforms? Were you satisfied with its quality?
8. If no, defects/shortcomings
9. Should children be provided cloth or stitched uniform?
10. Are you in favour of bearing the stitching charges? Yes/No
11. If no, do you want that stitching charges be paid separately, if yes, amount needed.
12. If one uniform per student sufficient? Yes/No.

13. If no, number of uniforms required in a year ?
14. With the limited funds available, would one uniform of good quality be provided or two uniforms of the same value be provided.
15. Will you send your girls to the schools if they are provided uniforms?
16. If no, what are the other factors ?
17. What suggestions you propose for the better working of the programme ?

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