

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -1258
ANSWERED ON – 30/07/2025

UNDERUTILIZATION OF SC/ST FUNDS

1258. SHRI RANDEEP SINGH SURJEWALA

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that about one-fourth of the funds allocated for the welfare of Scheduled Castes (SCs) remained unutilised in the financial year 2024-25, marking the lowest SC welfare fund utilization in a decade; and
- (b) the total amount allocated under the Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan/Development Action Plan for SCs year-wise during last five year and the amount actually spent, along with reasons for the under-utilisation?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) & (b) The details of total amount allocated and utilized under Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP)/ Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes (DAPSC) during the last 10 years is as under:

(Rupees in Crores)

Financial Year	DAPSC (erstwhile AWSC/SCSP) of all Ministries/Department		Utilization	Percentage of Utilisation
	B.E.	R.E.		
2014-15	50,548.16	33,638.11	30,035.07	89.29
2015-16	30,850.88	34,674.74	30,603.70	88.26
2016-17	38,832.63	40,919.70	34,333.67	83.90
2017-18	52,392.55	52,719.00	48,200.79	91.43
2018-19	56,618.50	62,473.86	52,655.37	84.28
2019-20	81,340.74	72,936.29	61,894.10	84.86
2020-21	83,256.62	82,707.51	62,785.16	75.91
2021-22	1,26,259.20	1,39,956.42	1,23,009.63	87.95
2022-23	1,42,342.36	1,52,604.29	1,38,642.74	91.15
2023-24	1,59,126.22	1,46,861.08	1,35,178.59	92.15
2024-25	1,65,492.72	1,38,362.52	1,23,437.37	89.18

DAPSC funds are earmarked for the welfare of SCs but due to the general nature of the schemes in some obligated Ministries/Departments, DAPSC funds are not utilized fully.
