

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -455
ANSWERED ON – 23/07/2025

EMPOWERMENT OF SCHEDULED CASTES

455.SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government provides allocation of funds for the empowerment of Scheduled Castes (SC) in proportion to their population;
- (b) if so, the details of funds allocated and utilised for SC development during the last five years, year-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to create a non-divertible and non-lapsable pool of resources for SC development; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

- (a) Yes, as per the NITI Aayog guidelines issued in 2017, “Guidelines for earmarking of funds for Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes (DAPSC), at present 38 Ministries are obligated to earmark funds.
- (b) The details of funds allocated and utilized for SC development during the last five years, year-wise is given in below Table:

Year	DAPSC (erstwhile AWSC/SCSP) amount allocated		Amount Utilised
	B.E.	R.E.	
2020-21	83,256.62	82,707.51	62,785.16
2021-22	1,26,259.20	1,39,956.42	1,23,009.63
2022-23	1,42,342.36	1,52,604.29	1,38,642.75
2023-24	1,59,126.22	1,46,861.08	1,35,178.59
2024-25	1,65,492.72	1,38,362.52	1,23,437.37

**[This Data taken from 10-A Statement e-Utthaan portal as on 17.07.2025]*

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

- (c) &(d) As per NITI Aayog guidelines, under DAPSC, the diversion of funds is not permissible and the funds are earmarked only for the welfare of SCs.
