1. Kerala State Backward Classes Development Corporation

(Outlay: ₹1400.00 lakh)

The objective of the Corporation is strengthening the Socio-economic status of the Backward Class of the State. The Corporation implements development schemes for the Backward Class communities with financial assistance from National Financial Institutions. The provision is for giving assistance to the Corporation in the form of share capital grant for availing assistance from National Backward Class Finance and Development Corporation.

An amount of ₹1400.00 lakh is provided for the programme during 2017-18.

2. Kerala State Development Corporation for Christian Converts from SCs and Recommended Communities

(Outlay: ₹700.00 lakh)

The Corporation is implementing various schemes for economic development of people converted from Scheduled Castes into Christianity and the recommended communities with the financial assistance received from state government and the loan assistance from NBCFDC. The scheme include financial assistance for agricultural land purchase, housing scheme, house revamping, cash incentive to students, landless houseless scheme, marriage loan scheme, job oriented training programme, medical/engineering entrance coaching programme, awareness camp, PSC/Bank test coaching programme, financial assistance for treatment, state share to NBCFDC scheme etc.

An amount of ₹700.00 lakh is provided as share capital assistance for the programme during 2017-18.

3. Educational Schemes to OEC (Umbrella Scheme)

The following are the components of the scheme.

(Outlay: ₹3600.00 lakh)

a. Pre-matric Assistance – OEC

(Outlay: ₹500.00 lakh)

The most backward communities from among the Other Backward Communities are grouped as Other Eligible Communities. The scheme is intended to provide educational assistance to pre-matric students belonging to these communities as per the Government norms. This scheme is being fully implemented with the state fund. As per GO(MS)10/2014/BCDD Dtd: 23-05-2014, thirty new communities are eligible for financial assistance as equal to the OEC communities subject to the annual family income ceiling of ₹6,00,000. In view of the additional financial requirement in this regard also, a total outlay of ₹500.00 lakh is provided for the financial year 2017-18.

Based on disaggregated data 60% of fund will be going to women

b. Post-matric Assistance – OEC

(Outlay: ₹3100.00 lakh)

The most backward communities from the Other Backward Communities are grouped as Other Eligible Communities. The scheme is intended to provide educational assistance to post-matric students belonging to these communities as per the Government norms. This scheme is being fully implemented with the state fund. As per GO(MS)10/2014/BCDD Dtd:23-05-2014, thirty new communities are eligible for financial assistance as equal to the OEC communities subject to the annual family income ceiling of ₹6,00,000. It includes the

provision for the financial incentives to the talented students in postmatriculation studies from BPL families, those who attained more than 80% marks in final exams from degree to higher levels as per the Government norms

Based on disaggregated data 60% of fund will be going to women An amount of ₹3100.00 lakh is provided for the component during 2017-18

3. Assistance to traditional occupations (Umbrella Scheme)

(Outlay: ₹760.00 lakh)

The following are the components of the scheme.

a. Assistance to Traditional Pottery Workers

(Outlay: ₹180.00 lakh)

Certain communities among the Other Backward Classes are engaged in the traditional occupation including pottery. Traditional pottery workers are following conventional methods for manufacturing products and faces tough competition in the market. In this circumstance, this traditional industry has to be revived by imparting training to pottery workers on modern methods/techniques of production and also by providing financial assistance to mechanise and modernise the sector.

An amount of ₹180.00 lakh is provided for the component during 2017-18

b. Assistance for Modernisation of Barber Shops

(Outlay: ₹270.00 lakh)

Traditional OBC people, undertaking service profession like hair cutting (Barbers) stand as the most marginalised backward group among OBC category. The introduction of Beauty Parlours with modernised equipment in the society has bumped up challenges for them even of existence.

Financial assistance to modernise their work place will certainly boost them to stay tuned in the society. The scheme aims to provide financial assistance @ ₹25000/- per individual and 1080 beneficiaries are expected to be assisted under the scheme.

An amount of ₹270 .00 lakh is provided for the component during 2017-18.

c. Skill Development Training and Tool Kit Grant for Traditional Craftsmen among OBCs

(Outlay: ₹310.00 lakh)

The scheme envisages to upgrade or sharpen the skill of traditional Craftsman/Artisans/and other semi-skilled labourers belonging to Other Backward Communities in Kerala. Providing high quality skill training in respective field and subsidy for purchasing modern equipment is a part of this proposed scheme. The Scheme can be extended to any kind of traditional craftsmanship. 1240 families will be assisted through the scheme during 2017-18. Financial Assistance towards training & subsidy will be limited to 50% of the project cost subject to a maximum of ₹25000/-.

An amount of ₹310.00 lakh is provided for the component during 2017-18.

6. Overseas Scholarship for OBC

(Outlay: ₹270. 00 lakh)

The Scheme aims to provide financial assistance to selected OBC candidates belonging to BPL families for pursuing Master level courses and Ph.D. abroad in specified fields of

study in Engineering, Management, Pure Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Medicine. The prescribed financial assistance will be provided over a period of 3 years or the completion of the course whichever is less.

Air charges from India to the nearest place of the educational institutions and back to India, by economy class and shortest route in arrangements with the national carrier, actual course fees, maintenance allowance, incidental journey allowance, equipment allowances, poll tax, visa fees, medical insurance premium subject to 50% of the total expense or a maximum of ₹10 lakh will be provided for a student for the entire course.

An amount of ₹270.00 lakh is provided for the programme during 2017-18.

7. Employment Generation Schemes (Umbrella Scheme)

(Outlay 690.00 lakh)

The following are the components of the scheme.

a. Employability Enhancement Programme/Training

(Outlay: ₹650. 00 lakh)

Financial assistance for coaching of students in reputed institutions may be provided under this scheme. The institutions will be selected by a panel of experts based on the application and reputation of institutions for medical/engineering, civil service exam and competitive examinations for employment in State - Central Services, Banks, Insurance and Public Sector Undertakings including NET, GATE and MAT . A portion of amount of ₹100 lakh is set apart for starting self employment scheme for the BPL families belonging to OBC as per Govt. norms and an amount of ₹50 lakh is set apart for promoting start up ventures for OBC professionals of B Tech, BAMS, BDS/B pharm and Hotel Management.

Based on disaggregated data 60% of fund will be going to women. An amount of ₹650.00 lakh is provided for the component during 2017-18.

b. Career in Automobile Industry through Public Private Participation

(Outlay: ₹40.00 lakh)

Globalization has resulted in a challenging automotive manufacturing environment that is changing at rapid pace, resulting in growing competition between international and domestic vehicle manufactures.

Making tie up with such companies as Public Private Participation (PPP) model, the Department can induct selected 100 ITI/ITC passed OBC Diploma holders directly in to the industry in a financial year for professional training, by providing financial assistance as monthly stipend @ ₹8000/- per candidate for" ten months", provided that after successful training the company itself provide suitable jobs to them.

An amount of ₹40.00 lakh is provided for this component during 2017-18.

7. Monitoring Office Automation, Equipment & Administration

(Outlay ₹100.00 lakh)

The objective of the scheme is to provide modern office equipment including CCTVs, and for introduction of file management system, file tracking system, new software development for ongoing schemes and upgradation of existing e-grants software and for arranging in-service training to the officers and staff of the Department in reputed institutions across the nation. Expenditure for the expansion of department including infrastructure facilities of the Directorates and also for field offices. Proposal to establish a Planning and

Monitoring cell at Directorate by including senior level officers from SPB having experience in planning preparations is also envisaged.

An amount of ₹100.00 lakh is provided for the programme during 2017-18

8. Umbrella Programmes for the development of OBC (50 % SS)

(Outlay: ₹2820.00 lakh)

The following are the components of the scheme.

a. Pre-matric Scholarship (50% SS) – OBC

(Outlay: ₹2500.00 lakh)

The scheme intended to provide scholarship to the students belonging to OBCs, whose parent's/Guardian's income from all sources does not exceed ₹44,500/- per annum. The scholarships are given to the students in class 1 or any subsequent class of Pre - matric stage. The scholarship will terminate at the end of class X. The scholarship will be limited to the students having highest percentage of marks in the annual examination of the previous year.

An amount of ₹2500.00 lakh is provided as 50 % state share for the component during 2017-18.

Based on disaggregated data 60% of fund will be going to women

b. Post-matric Hostels (40% SS)

(Outlay: ₹320.00 lakh)

The Scheme is proposed for the construction of OBCs Post matric Hostels for Boys and Girls. Due to lack of hostel facilities, it will become inevitable for the students to hire private rooms near to colleges to pursue their studies. The scheme aims to provide hostel facilities to OBC students hailing from rural background and studying in Professional Colleges. Preference will be given to Govt./ University institutions and reputed private professional institutions having large number of OBC BPL students under the scheme. At present the running of the hostels are managed by the institutions. But it requires supervision of the Department. A portion of the state share is provided for this purpose.

An amount of ₹320.00 lakh is provided as 40% state share for the component during 2017-18.

D.WELFARE OF MINORITIES

Sl	Name of Scheme	Amount
No.		(₹ In lakh)
1	Multi Sectoral Development Programme in Minority concentrated blocks (25% SS)	550
2	Scholarship Schemes (Umbrella Scheme)	350
3	Skill Development Schemes (Umbrella Scheme)	400
4	Schemes for Basic Amenities (Umbrella Scheme)	5450
5	Share Capital for the Kerala State Minority Development Finance Corporation	1500
	Total	8250