

**CHAPTER-IV**  
*BOOK BANK CONCEPT  
AND DEVELOPMENT*

## **BOOK BANK: CONCEPT AND DEVELOPMENT**

Ever since the attainment of independence, the Government of India launched a number of programmes to foster economic development and upliftment of the weaker sections of the society to enable them to march forward educationally and economically through implementation of the Five Year Plans. Poverty is not only acute but also chronic. There are vast unutilized and underutilized natural resources and opportunities for development<sup>1</sup>.

We are in the world of competition in all walks of human life. Literally, competition means a contest or meeting at which skill, strength, knowledge etc. is tested. Competition among un-equals is not considered as competition at all and such competition in actual practice is the monopoly of the better sections in the society. He also reported that competition results in inter and intra community competition in the fields of education, employment and politics which is visible in the society even among the weaker sections. The weaker sections do not have access to better job opportunities due to several handicaps such as poor economic status, lack of information about the existing coaching facilities etc., job opportunities in the state, centre and public undertakings<sup>2</sup>.

Education is undoubtedly an important instrument for social progress and change. It constitutes a major force in developing individual's personality and style of life. Education for SCs & STs is very essential as it seeks to bring in an effective transformation. It is only through education; these communities can drive out ignorance and avail the privileges and facilities extended to them by the Government<sup>3</sup>.

In this context, it has been rightly said that 'no nation can progress leaving aside a large chunk of its population struggling hard for existence under the stress of economic, educational and social disabilities. The poor scheduled castes do not have access to the facilities because of social disabilities, economic problems and sometimes location isolation.

The constitution of India provides several safe guards in the field of education, employment and politics to protect the interests of the traditionally neglected social groups namely scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and backward classes. The Article 246 of the constitution of India has entrusted the States with the responsibility of promoting the economic & educational interest of the scheduled caste and the scheduled tribes. Despite constitutional provisions and sustained efforts both at national and state level to improve the conditions of the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes and to bring all round improvements in their living and working conditions, they are still characterized by below poverty, low income occupations such as agricultural labourers, bonded labourers, dependence on subsistence farming, poor assets, high rate of unemployment and gripped in many civil & social disabilities, low level of literacy miserable living and poor working conditions<sup>4</sup>.

#### **4.1 HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF BOOK BANK SCHEME**

India is a welfare state, committed to the development of its people in general and of vulnerable sections in particular. The Preamble, the Directive Principles of State Policy, the Fundamental Rights and specific sections, Articles 38, 39 and 46 in the Constitution of India, stand testimony to the commitment of the State to its people. According to 2001 census, India's population consists of 16.2% scheduled castes and 8.2% scheduled tribes. Out of A.P. State's total population of 76.21 millions, 12.34 millions are scheduled castes (16.19%) and 5.02 millions (6.58%) are scheduled tribes<sup>5</sup>.

Welfare programmes in the beginning were directed to provide a few basic curative and rehabilitative services. Over the years, a developmental orientation in contrast to curative and custodial approach has been given to welfare programmes. At present these are oriented towards providing social justice and empowerment to the disadvantaged and marginalized sections of the society. viz., scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, other backward classes, minorities, disabled, aged persons, street children and victims of drug abuse, etc.

The growing increase in demand for Technical / Professional courses of education has resulted in establishment of large number of colleges under the private

management besides the institutions set up by the Government. Many of these institutions do not have enough resources for purchasing the needed books for the library in adequate numbers. This holds good even with the number of text books that are essential for the completion of the course. On the other hand, the growing cost of the text books is making it difficult for the students to purchase the essential text books. This is more so in case of the students from under privileged sections.

Realizing this, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has introduced various welfare schemes, and educational amenities to encourage economically weaker sections, scheduled caste and scheduled tribe students in college and university education.

The University Grants Commission (2007) on the recommendations of the eighteen member working group on student welfare programs, evinced interest in developing the library facilities, step by step on priority basis that is non-resident student centers, text book libraries, in Arts, Commerce and Sciences, Study centers, and Book Banks. All these schemes are meant for providing essential text books<sup>6</sup>.

Some of the institutions have been totally deprived of the funds as no integrated approach has been adopted for implementation of these schemes. To remove the bottle necks in implementation of those schemes, the Director of Social Welfare has proposed certain measures for streamlining and integrating the above schemes for proper utilization of funds. Accordingly he has sent proposals for clearance of the Integrated Book Bank Scheme by the Departmental Clearance Committee.

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is the nodal Ministry for the development and welfare of these disadvantaged, marginalized and weaker sections of our society. The Ministry is running several schemes and programmes which are beneficiary oriented and intend to ensure qualitative improvement in people's lives.

Under the Education programmes for development, several schemes were initiated by the Government for the welfare of the students from SC/ST and Backward communities. The following are a few examples.

The Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for Children of those engaged in unclean occupations assists the children of scavengers, sweepers having traditional links with scavenging, flayers and tanners irrespective of their religion to pursue education upto Matriculation level. There is no income ceiling prescribed under the scheme.

Under the Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for students belonging to SCs / STs financial assistance is extended to students belonging to SCs/STs for pursuing Post-matriculation courses in recognized institutions for maintenance allowance, reimbursement of compulsory non-refundable fees, thesis, typing/printing charges, study tour charges, book allowance for students pursuing correspondence courses and special provision for each student with disabilities who are covered under the scheme.

The scheme of National Overseas Scholarship for SCs/STs etc. students for higher studies abroad provides financial assistance to meritorious students for pursuing higher studies abroad in specified fields of Master level courses, Ph.D and Post-Directorate Research Programmes in Engineering Technology and Science only.

The Scheme of Book Bank for SC/ST students is intended to provide SC/ST students access to the latest text books for medical (including Indian system of medicine and Homeopathy), veterinary, engineering, agriculture and poly-technique courses which require expensive books, through the establishment of Book Bank. The scheme also includes law courses, chartered accountancy, MBA and Bio-Sciences.

Book Bank for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes students have been initially set up in Central Institutions like:

**PGIMER, Chandigarh**

**JIPMER, Pondicherry**

**AIIMS, New Delhi**

**University College of Medical Sciences, Delhi and**

**Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi etc.**

The Under-Graduate Colleges of Indian Systems of Medicines and Homoeopathy run by voluntary organisations have also set up Book Bank for SC / ST students with Central assistance since 7th Plan. Many SC/ST students are being benefited by this Scheme.

The Government (1994) accepted the proposal of the Director of Social Welfare and accorded administrative sanction for implementation of the Comprehensive Integrated Scheme of Book Bank from the academic year 1994-95 onwards in suppression of the earlier orders issued by the government in respect of the schemes "Book Banks and supply of essential "Text Books" both under Plan and Non-plan<sup>7</sup>.

#### **4.2 OBJECTIVE OF THIS SERVICE**

The main objective of the scheme is to provide text books to students. Books will be issued on loan to deserving students each semester.

The main purpose the Scheme is to establish Book Banks in each Medical (Including Indian Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy), Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary, Polytechnics, Law Course, Chartered Accountancy, MBA and Bio Sciences to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students who cannot afford expensive education but for adequate state support. The inability of these students to buy costly text books, Results in large number of failures and drop outs which retards the upliftment of Scheduled caste and Scheduled tribes<sup>8</sup>.

#### **4.3 CONCEPT OF BOOK BANK**

Social and Educational Backwardness are to be tackled best by anti poverty programmes. Backwardness is one in large measure due to poverty and the many ills go with it. Illiteracy is inseparable from ignorance. The constitutional provision for SC's who have long been isolated from the main stream, need to be respected.

Positive discrimination in their favour on grounds of social justice is a just for many among the BC's as it is for SC and ST's. Reservations are essential features, but they are not sufficient by themselves. They must be accompanied by

other measures to upgrade the competence of the beneficiaries. Comprehensive package for the backward class is necessary so as to avoid the general poverty which incapacitates them from the general walk of life.

One of the many comprehensive packages of schemes as pioneered by the Government of Andhra Pradesh as back as 1976 is opening of Book Banks to provide reference books to the students belonging to SC and ST studying in post metric, Arts, Science, Commerce and other professional courses. The Government of Andhra Pradesh by its various orders in 1979 adopted similar schemes of Government of India making applicable to the Engineering and Medical Colleges of the State under the centrally sponsored schemes.

To cater to the academic needs of students especially those belonging to SCs and STs, the government of Andhra Pradesh through its Ministry of Social Welfare is providing grants for the purchase of subject oriented text books in the selected colleges. The collection of books thus acquired are pooled and kept separately in the library and these are known as Book Banks. In this system books are given to SC and ST students in the beginning of the academic year and the students are supposed to return them to the Book Bank before the closure of the academic year. The Commissioner of Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, and Hyderabad has outlined the following guide lines for proper functioning of Book Bank<sup>9</sup>.

- The Book Bank shall be maintained exclusively for scheduled caste/ scheduled tribe students only.
- Separate registers are to be maintained in stock register and books issue registers.
- The list of books purchased shall be exhibited in the notice boards.
- As and when the books are borrowed by SC/ST students it shall be recorded and shall be re-allocated from the students, fortnightly or as fixed by the principles.
- On rotation basis all the SC/ST students shall be issued with books.

- A responsible staff member shall be kept in charge of Book Banks for the issue of books to SC/ST students and to maintain records.
- Unless no dues certificate is submitted TC shall not be issued to the students, and
- In case of loss of books, the cost shall be recovered from the students concerned.

#### **4.4 THE INTEGRATED SCHEME OF BOOK BANK**

Government of India had sanctioned the scheme during the year 1978-79 for establishment of Book Bank for the use of SC and ST students in the Medical and Engineering Colleges on matching grant basis. As per the norms of Govt. of India one set of books within a cost of Rs.7,500/-per set per course is provided to two students of Medical and Engineering colleges. This scheme has been extended to the students in Veterinary, Agriculture and Polytechnic courses. The cost of each set is Rs.5,000/-, Rs.4500/- and Rs.2,400/- respectively, for these courses. This facility has also been extended to Ayurvedic and Homeopathy courses also.

The State Governments (1994) have sanctioned an integrated scheme of Book-bank by merging the existing scheme of supply of essential text books and Book Banks covering the courses such as Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary, Polytechnic, Ayurvedic, Homeopathy, Dental Medicine, B.Pharmacy, MBA and Fine Arts. During the year 1997-98 detailed guidelines were issued under Integrated Book Banks scheme for implementation at district level and to constitute a committee under the chairmanship of Joint Collector for purchase and supply of books to the colleges for the use of SC & ST students. The textbooks are issued for the entire semester of the academic year at the rate of one set for each student and reference books are issued for a period of fifteen-days/ one month. The sets of books which are purchased and kept in the Book Banks are given to the SC/ST students permanently after expiry of the life period of three years in respect of each book<sup>10</sup>.

Government of India have extended the scheme to certain new courses during the year 1998-99 like (1). Post graduate courses in Medical, engineering, agriculture, veterinary courses and such other technical /alike courses as approved



by the universities / institutes of high learning. (2) Law courses, LLB (3years and 5years) and LLM (2years), (3).Chartered accountancy (Intermediate/ final), (4) MBA (2 years), (5) Biosciences and similar courses. The cost of each set is Rs.5, 000/- per student for each course<sup>11</sup>.

#### **4.5 SALIENT FEATURES OF BOOK BANK SCHEME**

On the introduction of the integrated Book Bank scheme, the previous schemes have come to be merged with the scheme and is made applicable to all professional courses such as Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary, Education, Law.

- Purchase of text books by the Director himself in consultation with the principals of the colleges.
- Making books readily available to the students with the commencement of the courses every year.
- Issuance of a set of text books for the entire course and reference books for 15 to 30 days.
- Compelling students to return text books after the completion of the course in a year by linking Non-issuance of books in the next year.
- Giving text books to SC/ST students permanently after the expiry of the life period of 3 years in respect of each bank.
- Constituting expert committees in various disciplines to suggest essential text books for use in Book Bank.
- Providing infrastructure facility such as Almirahs, registers and other stationary material as required.
- Making available surplus staff from the Department of Social Welfare to provide Secretarial assistance for the maintenance of the Book Banks.

#### **4.6 IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY AND NORMS**

These Book Bank are to be set up in all the Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary, Polytechnics, Law Course, Chartered Accountancy, MBA, Bio Sciences and Polytechnics where Scheduled caste and scheduled tribe students receiving Post Matric Scholarship under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship to SC and ST for studies in India belonging to the parent state or from other state, are studying.

Purchase of books for these 'Book Bank' will be restricted to the prescribe text books for the entire courses for recognized Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary, Polytechnics, Law Course, Chartered Accountancy, MBA , Bio Sciences and Polytechnic courses being pursued by SC and ST students therein.

The set of text books will be purchased for 2 such SC and ST students at various stages except in respect of Post graduate courses and Chartered Accountancy where it will be one set for each student. However, the ratio of sets and students will have to be adjusted to the total number of sets that could be procured within the total resources allocated to the State concerned<sup>12</sup>.

#### **4.7 BOOK SELECTION AND ACQUISITION**

The State Government may constitute an expert group consisting of members from selected colleges of different regions to decide the adequate number of text books in a set (not reference books) required for each course. Thereafter estimate may be worked out keeping in view the price of cheap Indian editions. The State Government may constitute a set within the total cost of text books. The life period of one set of books has been fixed at 3 years.

At the district level a committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the District Collector with the following as members<sup>13</sup>.

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| 1. Collector or his representative  | Chairman        |
| 2. Dy. Director [SW]  | Member-convener |
| 3. District Tribal Welfare Officer  | Member          |
| 4. Principal or his representative<br>(Concerned professional college)      | Member          |
| 5. Subject Specialist concerned   | Member          |
| 6. Student Leader from any one of the<br>Institutions (Professional Course) | Member          |

#### **4.7.1 Functions of the District Level Committee**

1. The Committee will list out the Text Books required Title-wise, for each course within the ceilings prescribed after taking into consideration the discount offered. While preparing the list recent editions of text books preferably with Publishers' name may be worked out by the Committee.
2. The Dy. Director [SW] with the help of the Dist. Purchase Committee will all for short tender / sealed quotations for offering maximum discount from Publishers / supplier and finalize the order with the approval of the Dist. Purchase Committee depending on the availability of funds released to the Dy. Director [SW]
3. The Purchase Committee should negotiate with the tenderers to claim the maximum discount from the publishers and the total number of books selected per set should be finalized after taking into account the discount offered by the publisher on the title price.
4. Books will be purchased and kept in the Book Bank at the rate of one set per student for the number of SC/ST students available in the college for the current year.

5. The text books should be issued to the students for the entire semester at a time at the rate of one set for each student and reference books should be issued for a period of 15 days depending upon the nature of course and availability of those books.
6. After the stipulated period of 3 years is over, the set of books purchased and kept in the Book Banks shall be given to SC/ST students permanently at the end of the course by replacing with new sets of books in the Book Banks every year.
7. The Dy. Director [SW] should verify the almirahs supplied to the institutions and assess whether any additional requirement is there and send necessary proposals wherever genuine requirement is there. They should also visit the Book Banks sometimes and take the feedback from the students about the usefulness of the scheme.
8. The scheme is implemented in the institutions which are offering the courses, must be recognized by the Government and must be affiliated to the concerned Universities where the SC/ST students are studying in the concerned courses.
9. The supply of books to the Book Banks of Professional Courses should be monitored through the computer network by the Dy. Directors [SW] concerned.
10. Evaluation of the scheme will be taken by the Evaluation Cell of the Department or by involving appropriate agency.

#### **4.7.2 Calendar of Activities**

The following is the stipulated calendar for carrying out different activities mentioned above:

1. June 4th week - Committee meeting to finalize book titles within the ceiling amounts.
2. July 2nd week - Calling for sealed tenders / quotations.
3. August 2nd week - Placing orders for supply of books.
4. September 3rd week / Commencement of course - Completion of supply of all the books for Book Bank.

#### 4.8 COURSE WISE PATTERN OF ASSISTANCE

Central assistance to States/Union Territories for setting up of Book Banks is limited to the following ceiling of actual cost of a set, whichever is less is shown in table-4.1<sup>14</sup>.

**Table-4.1**  
**Course wise Pattern of Assistance**

##### I. Degree Courses

(Amount in Rupees)

S.No.	Course	Cost of one set (1 set per 1 student)
1.	Medical	7,500
2.	Engineering	7,500
3.	Veterinary	5,000
4.	Agriculture	4,500
5.	Polytechnic	2,400
6.	MBA, B.Ed., Fine Arts, B.Pharm	2,000

##### II. Post-Graduate Course

(Amount in Rupees)

S.No.	Course	Cost of one set (1 set for 2 students)
1.	Post Graduate courses in Medical, Engineering, Agriculture and Veterinary courses and such other technical/alike courses as are approved by the Universities/Institutes of higher learning.	5,000
2.	Law courses L.L.B (3 years and 5 years) L.L.M (2 years)	5,000
3.	Chartered Accountancy (inter-mediate and final)	5,000
4.	M.B.A (2 years) and similar courses	5,000
5.	Bio-Science	5,000

**Note :** The said sets of books will also include Braille Books, Talking Books and Cassettes for the visually Handicapped students.

The Dy. Directors [SW] in the state shall sanction the eligible amount for each course on yearly basis taking into account the duration of each course. For instance, the eligible amount of Rs.7500/- for B.E course shall be sanctioned @ Rs.1850/- p.a. i.e., Rs.7500 / 4 years (duration of course) and prepare estimation of requirement of funds every year accordingly.

The essential books purchased, limiting the amount to the ceilings indicated above are to be supplied to the SC and ST students in installments, depending on the course, semester structure etc.

The life span of one set of books has been fixed at 3 years so as to ensure that Book Banks beneficiaries have access to the latest books/editions. At the end of 3 years these books may be kept in the library of the concerned institution for loan to other SC/ST students until such time as the books remain relevant and serviceable. Thereafter the books may be disposed off by the institution in the same manner as the books in the library subject to the guidelines if any, of the State Government/UT Administration in this regard Purchase of text books for these Book Banks is restricted to the prescribed text books for the entire course referred to above.

#### **4.8.1 Approximate Cost – Branch wise**

The following is the approximate cost of text books for students of B.Tech courses after assuming 15% discount is shown in Table-4.2.

**Table-4.2**  
**Approximate Cost-Branch wise**

Course	Programme	CSE	IT	ECE	EEE	CIVIL	M.E
I. B.Tech	Year	1518	1518	1549	1423	1400	1434
II. B.Tech	I Semester	1466	1466	1380	1289	1475	1361
II. B.Tech	II Semester	1485	1485	1310	1369	1395	1250
III. B.Tech	I Semester	1528	1528	1455	1379	1526	1325
III. B.Tech	II Semester	1458	1358	1489	1415	1320	1275
IV. B.Tech	I Semester	1587	1487	1440	1465	1300	1450
IV. B.Tech	II Semester	850	850	750	750	800	625
	<b>Total Rs.</b>	<b>9892</b>	<b>9692</b>	<b>9373</b>	<b>9090</b>	<b>9216</b>	<b>8720</b>

#### **4.8.2 Preference to Girl Student and Handicapped Students**

While selecting students for “Book Bank” Scheme the State / UT should set a target to be implemented, wherever possible, that at least 30% of the beneficiaries are girl SC/ST students and at least 30% disabled SC / ST students.

#### **4.9 DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS TO STUDENTS**

The following rules shall govern the distribution of books to the students <sup>15</sup>

- Each SC/ST student will be provided with an identity card for this purpose.
- Each SC/ST student will be required to submit the requisition for borrowing books from the Book Bank in a form to be provided for this purpose.
- Books will be suitably distributed among the SC/ST students keeping in view the norm that one set is meant for 2 students for the entire course, except in respect of Post-Graduate courses and other courses.
- The books should be returned to the Book Bank at the end of each term. The Principal of the College/Institution will make every effort to ensure that those students who complete their course or those who drop out in the middle return the books belonging to the Book Bank.

- It is the responsibility of the student concerned to maintain the books supplied to them from the Book Bank, in good condition.
- Any case of loss or damage to the books would attract penalty. In case of serious damage or loss of books, the student concerned will have to bear the cost of the book.
- The books should be returned to the Book Bank at the end of each term.

#### **4.10 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

This is a centrally sponsored scheme where 50% of the grants come from Govt. of India and 50% of the grants from the state.

Central assistance for the setting up of 'Book Banks' will be given for the purchase of prescribed text books for Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary and Polytechnic courses and Post Graduate courses in Medical Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary courses and such other technical/alike courses as are approved by the Universities / Institutions of higher learning. Law Courses, Chartered Accountancy (Inter-mediate and final), MBA and Bio-Sciences limited to the amount as indicated above or actual cost of a set, whichever is less<sup>15</sup>.

For storage of books and contingencies etc. the cost of steel almirah for storing books of each 'Book Banks' including contingencies like transportation etc. the following expenses are admissible.

- Rs.2000/-or actual cost whichever is less
- 5% of the grant may be earmarked for expenses on binding stitching etc.

##### **4.10.1 Placement of Funds and Administration of the Scheme**

The total expenditure on the scheme of 'Book Banks' will be shared between the Central and the State Government on matching grant basis (50:50) (100% central assistance to the UT Administration). State Govt. may consider making the Heads of the Institutions responsible for the running of the Scheme and place funds at their disposal<sup>16</sup>.



#### **4.10.2 Submission of Data**

The State Governments Union Territories Administrations will inform the Government of India about the amount allotted college – wise specifying the number of sets to be purchased for that college and the number of beneficiaries.

#### **4.10.3 Utilization of Funds**

Financial assistance given under the Scheme shall not be utilized for any other purpose. If the college concerned fails to utilize the grant for the purpose for which it is given, the amount shall be refunded to the Central Government. The State Government / Union Territories Administration should furnish statement of Expenditure and Utilization Certificates.

#### **4.11 CENTRAL ASSISTANCE RELEASED DURING 1992-1993 TO 2002 – 2003**

Central Assistance released under Book Bank scheme for SC/ST students in India for the period from 1992-93 to 2009-2010 is shown in Table 4.3. (Fig.2.1)<sup>17</sup>.

Government of India had sanctioned the scheme during the year 1978-79 for establishment of Book Banks for the use of SC and ST students in the Medical and Engineering Colleges on matching grant basis. As per the norms of Govt. of India one set of books within a cost of Rs.7,500/-per set per course is provided to two students of Medical and Engineering colleges. This scheme has been extended to the students in Veterinary, Agriculture and Polytechnic courses. The cost of each set is Rs.5,000/-, Rs.4500/- and Rs.2,400/- respectively, for these courses. This facility has also been extended to Ayurvedic and Homeopathy courses also.

The State Government has sanctioned an integrated scheme of Book-Bank vide G.O.Ms.No.123, SW (Q2) Department dated 28-7-1994 by merging the existing scheme of supply of essential text books and Book Banks covering the courses such as Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary, Polytechnic, Ayurvedic, Homeopathy, Dental Medicine, B.Pharmacy, MBA and Fine Arts. During the year 1997-98 detailed guidelines were issued under Integrated Book Banks scheme for implementation at district level and to constitute a committee under the chairmanship of Joint Collector for purchase and supply of books to the

colleges for the use of SC & ST students. The textbooks are issued for the entire semester of the academic year at the rate of one set for each student and reference books are issued for a period of fifteen-days/ one month. The sets of books which are purchased and kept in the Book Banks are given to the SC/ST students permanently after expiry of the life period of three years in respect of each book.

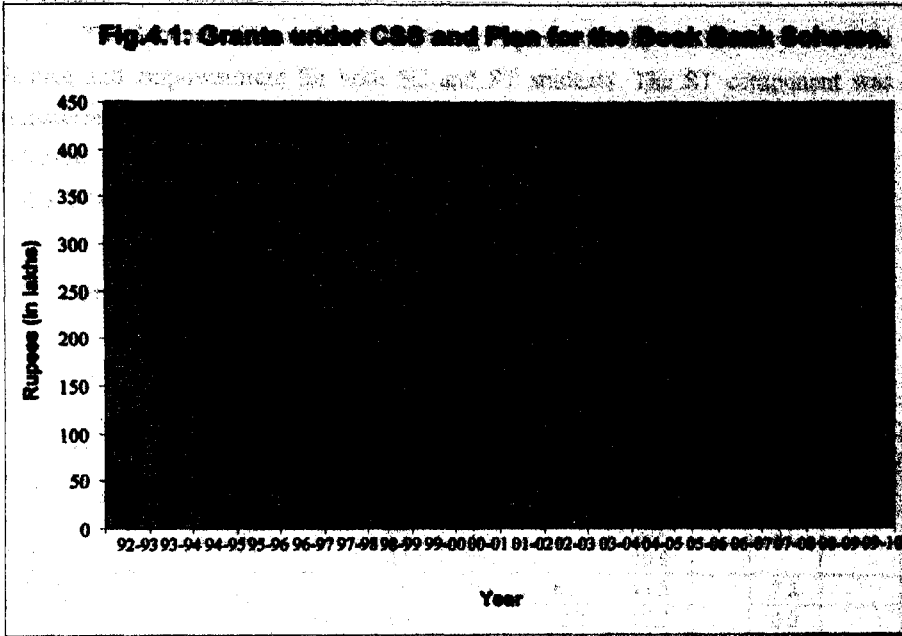
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**Table-4.3**

**Central Assistance Released under Book Banks Scheme for SC / ST Students in India [1992-1993 to 2009 - 2010]**

S.No.	Year	Grant (Rs. In lakhs)
1.	92-93	67.3
2.	93-94	332.9
3.	94-95	296.2
4.	95-96	264.2
5.	96-97	183.5
6.	97-98	149.3
7.	98-99	120.5
8.	99-00	242.5
9.	00-01	249
10.	01-02	*
11.	02-03	*
12.	03-04	49.94
13.	04-05	104
14.	05-06	404
15.	06-07	404
16.	07-08	*
17.	08-09	*
18.	09-10	*

\* Information not available



**4.11.1 State-Wise Allocation of Funds for Book Bank Scheme**

Central Assistance released to different states under Book Bank scheme for SC / ST students in India for the period from 1992-93 to 2000-2001 is shown in Table 4.4.

The Scheme of Book Bank was being implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and empowerment for both SC and ST students. The ST component was transferred to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs in the year 2000-2001. Amounts released to different states by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs from 2001-2002 to 2003-2004 are shown in Table-4.5.

**Table-4.5**  
**State-Wise Assistance Released Under Book Banks Scheme for ST**  
**Students in India by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs along with**  
**Amounts Released for SC students [2001-2004]**

**Rs. In Lakhs**

State / UT	2001-02			2002-03			2003-04		
	SC	ST	Total	SC	ST	Total	SC	ST	Total
Andhra Pradesh	0.0	30.3	30.3	76.4	47.2	123.6		0.0	
Assam	0.0	2.0	2.0	2.8		2.8		3.0	
Bihar	0.0		0.0	10.0		10.0			
Chattisgarh	0.0		0.0	5.3	8.2	13.5		7.3	
Gujarat	0.0	4.9	4.9	0.0	10.3	10.3		0.0	
Goa	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0			
Himachal Pradesh	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0		1.4	
Haryana	0.0		0.0	8.5		8.5			
Jammu & Kashmir	0.0		0.0	6.0	7.0	13.0		0.0	
Karnataka	33.3	23.9	57.2	115.6	20.0	135.6		20.0	
Kerala	40.0		40.0	16.8		16.8			
Maharashtra	85.8		85.8	0.0		0.0			
Madhya Pradesh	0.0		0.0	25.0	30.1	55.1		18.1	
Manipur	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0			
Mizoram	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0			
Orissa	0.0		0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0		5.6	
Punjab	0.0		0.0	14.5		14.5			
Rajasthan	9.0	6.0	15.0	0.0	5.2	5.2		5.6	
Tamil Nadu	13.4	2.1	15.5	61.9	2.6	64.5		0.0	
Tripura	1.9	2.8	4.7	1.2	1.5	2.7		0.0	
Uttar Pradesh	103.2		103.2	87.9		87.9		2.4	
West Bengal	0.0		0.0	3.2	2.8	6.0		0.0	
			0.0			0.0			
A&N Islands	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0			
Chandigarh	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0			
D&N haveli	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0			
Daman & Diu	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0			
Delhi	12.0		12.0	12.0		12.0			
Pondicherry	0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0			
INDIA	298.6	72.0	370.6	447.1	139.9	587.0		63.4	

**Source:** Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment & Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India.

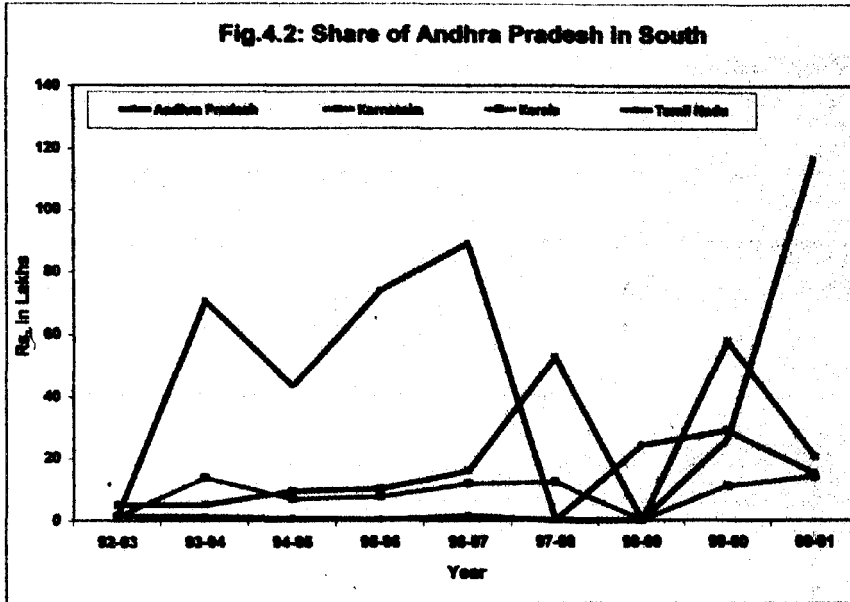
**Table - 4.4****State-Wise Central Assistance Released under Book Banks Scheme for  
SC / ST Students in India [1992-1993 to 2000 - 2001]****Rs. in Lakhs**

State / UT	92-93	93-94	94-95	95-96	96-97	97-98	98-99	99-00	00-01
Andhra Pradesh	2.0	70.5	43.4	73.8	89.3	0.0	0.0	26.2	116.6
Assam	0.3	5.8	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bihar	2.0	9.9	17.0	5.0	5.5	0.0	9.1	0.0	7.4
Chattisgarh	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gujarat	0.3	0.1	10.6	7.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0
Goa	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.6
Himachal Pradesh	0.4	0.6	0.4	1.5	0.5	0.6	0.0	2.5	1.0
Haryana	1.9	5.9	3.0	3.0	4.4	5.1	1.1	9.7	3.3
Jammu & Kashmir	0.8	0.2	1.6	2.9	0.0	6.0	6.0	0.0	3.5
Karnataka	5.1	4.9	9.5	10.2	16.1	52.4	0.0	57.5	20.5
Kerala	1.0	13.6	7.0	7.6	11.7	12.0	0.0	11.0	13.9
Maharashtra	3.0	20.5	35.5	29.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	82.3	27.0
Madhya Pradesh	24.4	36.9	42.1	33.9	0.0	31.4	0.0	0.0	12.8
Manipur	2.0	0.7	0.4	0.0	1.6	1.0	0.0	3.0	0.0
Mizoram	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
Orissa	0.3	8.9	10.2	11.0	5.0	5.0	0.0	8.0	9.0
Punjab	0.1	2.7	4.3	4.3	9.2	11.0	0.0	0.0	8.3
Rajasthan	2.5	10.0	15.0	10.0	0.0	15.0	42.1	0.0	0.0
Tamil Nadu	1.5	1.0	0.9	0.3	1.7	0.0	24.3	28.8	15.2
Tripura	1.0	103.0	54.0	15.0	0.0	1.9	3.3	3.3	1.7
Uttar Pradesh	11.5	29.5	31.7	40.4	31.8	0.0	25.5	0.0	0.0
West Bengal	0.5	3.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
A & N Islands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chandigarh	1.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.7
D&N haveli	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0
Daman & Diu	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Delhi	4.3	2.5	3.7	4.0	5.9	7.8	8.2	5.7	5.9
Pondicherry	0.6	1.7	1.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0
<b>INDIA</b>	<b>67.3</b>	<b>332.9</b>	<b>296.2</b>	<b>264.2</b>	<b>183.5</b>	<b>149.3</b>	<b>120.5</b>	<b>242.5</b>	<b>249</b>

Source: Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India.

#### 4.11.2 Share of AP in South India

Among the four South Indian states, Andhra Pradesh received the highest amount followed by Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala (Fig. 4.2).



#### 4.12 BOOK BANK SCHEME IN ANDHRA PRADESH

In order to mitigate the difficulty of non-availability of books for technical courses like Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary, Polytechnic etc. to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes the Book Bank Scheme has been started in the year 1992-93 on matching basis. These banks provide one set of textbooks for the session, free of cost, among two scheduled caste / schedule tribe students at graduation level and one set to one student basis at post-graduation level. The set of textbooks can be used for three years.

The Government of India by its orders in the year 1992 and 1993 extended the benefits to the students studying in Agriculture and Veterinary Degree Courses and Indian system of medicine on par with students of medical and engineering colleges, and accordingly orders were issued for purchase and supply of essential text books to all the scheduled caste students studying in the above said courses and

prescribed ceiling on cost of supply of essential text books for the above courses. In 1994 the Director of Social Welfare, Government of Andhra Pradesh critically reviewed the working of the Book Bank Schemes with the principals of the colleges under the following heads<sup>18</sup>.

- Book Bank for SC's studying in Medical, Engineering, Agricultural, Veterinary and Polytechnic courses.
- Book Banks for SCs studying Degree, Law Post Graduates courses.
- Supply of essential text books to SC students in professional courses viz., Medical, Engineering, Agricultural, Veterinary, polytechnic, Ayurvedic, Homeopathy, Pharmacy and Management.

#### **4.13 BOOK BANK BY NON-GOVT. AGENCIES**

The importance of the scheme in view of the benefit attached to the under privileged students of Technical / professional courses has attracted many non-governmental organizations working in the service sector. Many organisations across the country have come up with Books Banks for the students. The following are some examples.

##### **4.13.1 M.V.Book Bank, Chennai**

Mr. Sairam and his friends started M.V. Book Bank, 10 years ago. As a first-year student, he had great difficulty in finding the prescribed textbooks in the second-hand market. Availability of textbooks has been a major issue for students, particularly those pursuing a course in the engineering discipline. V. Sairam decided to address this need while in his first-year of college and now, he runs a Book Bank with close to about 1.1 lakh books. Sairam's Book Bank has books covering subjects such as engineering, MCA and other IT-related streams. The advantage of his Book Bank is the long-term lending facility. No wonder, the Book Bank has over 7,500 members now. The initial charges for borrowing books amount to Rs. 300 for six books, per semester. "This works out to less than Rs. 2 per day, per book." Students from as far as Andhra Pradesh travel all the way to pick up books from M.V. Book Bank<sup>19</sup>.

#### **4.13.2 Okot Book Bank, Chennai**

Okot Book Bank is the Chennai's leading Book Bank serving thousands of engineering students in and around Chennai. The mission the Okot Book Bank is to facilitate creation of new knowledge through acquisition, organization and dissemination of knowledge resources and providing for value added services<sup>20</sup>.

- Students can avail books easily at affordable cost
- Books can be exchanged at any time during the semester
- Students can avail any books according to their specific needs

#### **4.13.3 Student Book Bank, Hoshiarpur**

There is a wide gap between the needs of the underprivileged children & the facilities available to them. The Non Government Organizations (NGOs) step in to fill in this gap. This gap is so huge that it can accommodate as many NGOs as available. Student Book Bank is one such NGO working for Promotion of Education amongst the financially disadvantaged children... Today, many brilliant children are unable to complete their studies just because they do not have enough funds to pursue their education. Student Book Bank works for such poor and underprivileged children. We help the financially disadvantaged children to pursue and complete their education, and hence develop them into a responsible and well settled citizens<sup>21</sup>.

#### **4.13.4 Students Book Bank, Chennai**

Students Book Bank is one of the leading Book Banks in Chennai. The Book Bank was been started for the welfare of Engineering and Biotechnology Students. SBB has wide category of books for BE/B.Tech, Biotechnology, Medical, etc. SBB provides the best service to the students without compromising on quality. SBB is one of the fastest growing Book Bank in Chennai with 100s of registered students in a short span of time<sup>22</sup>.



#### **4.13.5 Electronics Association of Siddhartha Students Book Bank**

P B Siddhartha College of Arts and Science, Vijayawada, Department of Electronics has established a EASS Book Bank. Under the EASS only 118 books are available. These books are almost donated books<sup>23</sup>.

It is of interest to note that some Alumni Associations have come forward to set up the Book Banks for the benefit of the students from SC/ST and Backward communities.

#### **4.13.6 Book Bank Scheme by Alumni Association**

SDMCET Alumni Association inaugurated one of its dream projects "ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOOK BANK" on Saturday 19th April 2008. The SDMCET Alumni Association in its agenda for 2007-08 has decided to open a 'Book Bank' for first year students (I & II Semester). One book will be issued per student for semester duration. This scheme will be later extended to higher semesters in future. The Alumni Association is very happy to announce distribution of books from its Book Bank for the benefit of students for the current year 2008-09. The Alumni Association will issue one book to each student of I Semester, which has to be returned immediately after reopening of next semester on the date specified<sup>24</sup>.

##### **Salient Features of Scheme**

- One book per student
- The book is being issued without any membership fee
- Since only one book is being issued, the other books required in that semester can be circulated amongst students themselves, but students are responsible for the book they have borrowed
- The books will be issued on first come first serve basis on 10<sup>th</sup> OCT 2008 (Friday) from 10am onwards in BMT Laboratory of Civil Engg. Dept., SDMCET, Dharwad upto 4:00 pm only.

- For those who cannot make it on 10th can avail the facilities on 11th Oct 2008 (Saturday), between 9.30 and 11 am without fail.
- No more transactions will be entertained after 11th Oct 2008.
- This facility is being extended for the benefit of the student community and it is going to continue for many years in future. In this view students are requested not to write anything (Names, Marking etc.) in the book and maintain the book intact.
- Students will be penalized for not maintaining the book in its original condition.

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