

## PRIORITY AREAS FOR RESEARCH/EVALUATION STUDIES FOR THE YEAR 2011-12

Proposals are invited from reputed Institutions, which have capacity to do research on following Priority Areas of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

### Scheduled Castes Development:

1. **Evaluation of the Voluntary Organizations working for Scheduled Castes Development** in the following areas:-
  - (i) **Residential Schools** : In the States of Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa and Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.
  - (ii) **Mobile Dispensaries** : In the States of Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka.
2. **Evaluation Study of National Safai Karamachari Finance & Development Corporation**  
Proposals for the Study are invited from Indian Institute of Management, Xavier Labour Research Institute, Jamshedpur, TISS, Mumbai; Faculty of Management Studies - Delhi University, Management Development Institute, Gurgaon.
3. **Functioning of Scheduled Castes Development Corporations (SCDCs)**  
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4. **Socio-Economic and Educational background of Students receiving assistance under Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship Scheme and their performance/placement.**
5. **Evaluation Study of the Central Sector Scheme of Top Class Education for Scheduled Caste Students.**
6. **Study on the Socio-Economic Conditions of Devadasis belong to Scheduled Castes in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.**
7. **Study on Socio-Economic and Health Problems of Theyyam Dancers belong to Scheduled Castes of Kerala.**

### Other Backward Classes (OBCs) Development:

1. **Evaluation Study of functioning of National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation** - Proposals for the Study are invited from Indian Institute of Management, Xavier Labour Research Institute, Jamshedpur, TISS, Mumbai; Faculty of Management Studies - Delhi University, Management Development Institute, Gurgaon.
2. **Construction and conditions of hostels for OBCs students, their maintenance and functioning and the performance of students.**
3. **Evaluation Study on implementation of pre-matric Scholarship Scheme for OBCs.**
4. **Study on Socio-Economic and Educational Development of OBCs**

### Disabled Development:

1. **Evaluation Study of District Disability Rehabilitation Centres :**  
In the States of Assam, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh and Punjab.
2. **Study on Children with Disabilities covered under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA):**  
Enrolment, Drop-outs, arrangements for inclusive education.
3. **Study of Schemes under National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation (NHFDC):**

In the States of Tamilnadu, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan to cover aspects like time taken for processing of an application, Methodology for sanction of loans, awareness level of the Schemes, recovery process, creation of assets under NHFDC Schemes. Reasons for lesser participation of women, feedback on optimum level of credit, scope of agencies other than State Governments like SHGs, expansion of credit portfolio and relevance of micro-credit.

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### Social Defence:

1. Extent, pattern & magnitude of inhalant abuse among adolescents (school and out of school)  
- A multi site project.
2. Characteristics of client who are retained in treatment (treatment retention in IRCA/RRTC)
3. Parental & Peer group influence on initiation of drug abuse among youth / adolescents.
4. Efficacy of States implementation of Centre's Policy of Older Persons – Reasons for non-implementation and recommendations for better implementation.

### Eligibility Criteria:

Research/Evaluation proposals will be accepted **by registered post** only from the organisations/ institutions/ universities/ NGOs who are conforming to the following criteria:-

- i) The Project Director should be at least Ph.D. with at least five years experience in the relevant field.
- ii) Institution conducting the study should be a reputed one and competent enough to conduct the study.
- iii) Research methodology should be clear and precise and should be a study on emerging trends.
- iv) All the organisations submitting proposals to carry out the study would be evaluated also on the basis of the quality of work done by them for the Ministry in the past.

The proposals should be forwarded by the Head of the Institute by Registered Post and in case of University by the Registrar of the University latest by 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 both hard as well as soft copy as per the guidelines of PREM Division, in this regard, available in the website - <http://www.socialjustice.nic.in>. The proposals may be sent to :

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