

## **SUPPLY OF FREE TEXT BOOKS TO SCHEDULED CASTES STUDENTS STUDYING IN 1<sup>ST</sup> TO 10<sup>TH</sup> CLASSES**

The text books are provided to Scheduled Caste students studying in 1st to 10th class in Government as well as private recognized schools. This scheme is being implemented by the Department of Welfare and text books are got printed by Punjab School Education Board. There is no income limit under this scheme. This scheme was started in the year 1976-77 for Middle Classes and scope of the scheme was enlarged to cover High and Primary Classes from the year 1981-82 and 1986-87 respectively. The funds under this scheme are provided on Non Plan Side. This scheme has been covered under Dedicated Social Security Fund from the year 2005-06.

The strength of scheduled caste students studying in 1st to 10th class (class-wise) in the District is obtained from District Education Officer (Primary and Secondary) by DGSE thereafter demand is sent to the Secretary, Punjab School Education Board, Mohali for supply of books. Punjab School Education Board starts supplying the books in the month of February.

As per decision taken in the meeting under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Punjab on 1st September 2009 the books have been supplied by the Punjab School Education Board through its Book Depots located in each Districts directly to concerned schools of academic session as per demand of SC students collected and sent by D.G,S.E. with to Punjab School Education Board for Scheduled Caste students studying in 1st to 10th classes .

The District Welfare Officers are required to conduct 25% verification to ensure fair and timely distribution of books and 100% checking by the concerned Tehsil Welfare Officer.