

Introduction:

Article 38 and Article 46 of Indian Constitution has laid great stress on Scheduled caste & Scheduled tribe communities to bring them in the mainstream of society. In view of these directives of the constitution, Govt. has launched several schemes for socio-economic & cultural development of Scheduled castes. It has been found that certain sections of scheduled caste have been able to take considerable benefits from these schemes and develop themselves. But it has also been seen that a considerable section of Scheduled caste have remained socially and economically backward. State Govt. after due thought conceptualized an initiative to make special projects and earmark special funds for the overall development of these most deprived sections among Scheduled castes. State Govt. decided to constitute a Commission known as **State Mahadalit Commission** in the year 2007 to:

- Identify the castes within Scheduled Castes who lagged behind in the development process.
- To study educational and social status and suggest measures for upliftment of these castes.
- To recommend actions for initiating measures for their educational and social upliftment together with ways for their employment.
- Any other subjects State Govt. entrusts the Commission.

State Mahadalit Commission has submitted two interim reports. In the first report, the commission recommended some measures for development and to include 18 castes as the extremely weaker castes amongst the list of Scheduled Castes. In the second recommendation, the commission recommended 2 more castes as the extremely weaker castes amongst the list of Scheduled Castes.

Establishment of Bihar Mahadalit Vikas Mission

For the execution of different schemes for the development of Mahadalits, State Govt. has established a Society called "Bihar Mahadalit Development Mission" under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. A senior IAS officer has been appointed as the Project Director of the Mission.

State Govt. has already provided Rs.17.00 crores to the Mission and Rs.36.80 crores is slated to be provided soon for implementation of different schemes for Mahadalit development. "Bihar Mahadalit Development Mission" has started working on implementation of different schemes. In the first phase it has released a sum of Rs.7.00 crores to all districts for the toilet construction scheme. An Expression of Interest has been published in the News Paper to select good executing agencies for different training programmes in different trades

Vision:

The VISION of Bihar Mahadalit Vikas Mission is "To fulfill the basic necessities of all Mahadalit communities by socially, economically & culturally empowerment and ensure full participation of them in the mainstream of development". Bihar Mahadalit Vikas Mission has planned a number of schemes on this guideline targeting Mahadalit section of the society.

Objective:

The Mission has design and developed many innovative schemes / programmes to empower the specified Mahadalit Castes keeping in view:

- To ensure shelter to the landless mahadalit families.
- To improve quality of life of Mahadalit community and redressed existing inequalities in access to service through provision of sustainable pure drinking water & sanitation system.
- To facilitate and strengthen the education system in line with Govt. current policies and legislative frame work among Mahadalit families

- To enroll and ensure retention of students from Mahadalit families appointment of a Local Resource Person (Vikas Mitra) who will be in direct consultation with the Mahadalit Families and will also ensure the implementation of other schemes.
- Economical empowerment of Mahadalit community through strengthening traditional skills & vocational training program specially designed to suite their cultural tradition and according to the interest of the youths from Mahadalit families.
- Empowerment of Mahadalit women.
- To improve and strengthen access to quality and responsive health services for better well being of Mahadalit families.
- To preserve and promote traditional culture of Mahadalit community as well as mainstreaming them.
- To ensure right to information.
- To support and strengthen transportation & communication facilities.
- To facilitate the smooth implementation of govt. schemes at field level.

Schemes for Mahadalits

Land for housing scheme

Most of the Mahadalits do not have their own residential land. The scheme will facilitate in providing land to each landless Mahadalit families. State Govt. has already got surveyed the families having land and without land. At the same time, the information of the availability of Govt. land and other lands has already been collected.

Mahadalit Awas Yojna

Mahadalit families will be provided houses as per the Govt. norms. Those families who have their own land will get the houses constructed on that land and those families who do not have their land will be given land first and then the houses will be constructed.

Mahadalit Water-supply Scheme

Drinking water facility is one of the basic needs of the Mahadalit families. Many such families do not have access to safe drinking water facility. State Govt. will provide water sources for the Mahadalit tolas on certain norms fixed by the Govt.

Mahadalit Toilet Construction Scheme

There is a big problem of toilet facility in Mahadalit Tolas. Under the scheme of Total Sanitation Campaign, the toilets are constructed for the Mahadalit families after contributing Rs. 300 in this scheme. The Mahadalit Vikas Mission will bear Rs. 300 on behalf of the Mahadalit families for the construction of toilet.

Mahadalit Basti Link Road Scheme

Many Mahadalit families live in isolated places where connectivity is a great problem. State

Govt. has planned to connect the Mahadalit tolas with link roads. If funds for rural roads are not enough then, additional funds will be provided for this scheme. This scheme will facilitate them for their overall development and improvement of their socio economic conditions.

Mahadalit Anganwadi

Govt. is running Anganwadi centers under the normal ICDS programme. It has been observed that more such Anganwadi Centers are required for the benefit of Mahadalits. Additional Anganwadi centers will be opened as per the needs. These centers will act as the hub for the nutritional supplement for the children of Mahadalits. These centers will also take care of the health of the children and provide other facilities provided in these Anganwari centers.

Mahadalit Creche

It is a common practice that most of the Mahadalit women wish to work for their families. Many women face the problem of keeping their children a safe place and work without any worry. Keeping in mind the scheme of Creche was conceived. There is no creche facility in the unorganized sector. The creche will have the facility to nurture the children in the age group of 0-3 years. This will facilitate the young couple to continue with their work as well as it can also ensure the other children to continue their education.

Special School / Hostel for Mahadalits

The concept of special school for Mahadalits is to promote the inherent skills of the community. Their skills and expertise are still not much promoted although there are immense scopes of development. These special schools will provide technical know-how to the beneficiaries and make them expert in the skills which normally they possess. After being trained in their respective skills they will be able to make standard articles and will be marketable.

Mukhyamantri Mahadalit Poshak Yojna

To make the children of Mahadalits attracted towards education, a scheme for providing dress and other materials is being launched. This scheme will be known as "Mukhyamantri Mahadalit Poshak Yojna" Under this scheme the Mahadalit children will be provided school uniforms and other articles @ Rs. 700 per child who are studying in class 1 to 5 in Govt. schools. This initiative will motivate the children to continue their education.

Dashrath Manjhi Shramik Training Institute

It has been proposed to establish institutes for providing training in different trades which has high acceptability in the market. State Govt. will provide all kinds of infrastructure for the establishment of the institute. Experts of different fields will be engaged to impart training to the Mahadalit youths. The majority of Mahadalit communities are involved in labour related activities. The training institute will facilitate them in developing or sharpening their current skills and thus meeting market demand at the higher wage rate.

Mukhyamantri Nari Jyothi Programme

Self help groups are the tools to economically empower men & women. Under this scheme the women of Mahadalits will be roped in for Self help groups. Under the scheme of "Mukhyamantri Nari Jyothi Programme" Self Help Groups of Mahadalit women will be formed. Adequate funds will be provided for nurturing and sensitizations of the groups.

Dhanvantari Mobile Ayurvedic Chikitsa

Ayurvedic Chikitsa System is very popular among the Mahadalit communities. To facilitate the Ayurvedic Chikitsa among Mahadalits, Mobile van equipped with the essential medical kits will be arranged. This system will provide Ayurvedic Medical facility at the remote Mahadalit Tolas.

Mobile Public Distribution System

The concept of Mobile Public Distribution System is to support the Mahadalit Communities living at the remotest area with all the essential goods such as rice, wheat, Kerosene etc. Under the scheme Mobile vans will be equipped with all the essential goods and thus it can reach the remotest area.

Eradication of Scavenging System

The Govt. is committed to eradicate scavenging and engage them in dignified trade activities so that the Mahadalits become self sustainable. All the identified persons will be rehabilitated with the close coordination of Urban Development Department.

Construction of Community Hall cum Work-shade

The Mission proposes to construct one Community Hall cum Work-shade in Mahadalit Tolas. This will facilitate in providing a common place for the different social and cultural function.

Mukhyamantri Jeevan Drishti Programme

Apart from other activities, communication is one of the important tools to uplift any person or family. To make the Mahadalit communities aware of the happenings of the country and World the most common gadgets are Radio and Television. It has been proposed to provide Radio(Transistor sets) to Mahadalit families and provide TV sets in the proposed community centres.

Establishment of District & Block Resource Centre for Training and Research

The Mission will establish a District & Block Resource Centre to provide the schemes related information to the Mahadalit Communities. These centers can be used as a training centre for those officials who are involved in the Mahadalit Vikas Mission. These centres will also function as a data centres for information to Mahadalit persons.

Vikas Mitra

Vikas Mitra is a very important concept of the Mission. The Vikas Mitra will function as an intermediary between the District or Block Resource Centre and the Mahadalit Tolas. It will facilitate and ensure that the services and facilities should reach to the Mahadalit Communities in its real form.

Community Radio

It is observed that the Mahadalit Community does not have the normal conversation with the general society. Therefore, it is an essential requirement to develop a radio programme consisting of their social and cultural values.

List of Mahadalits

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Sl. No.	Sl. no. of schedule	Name of Castes	Recommendation of Commission
1	1	Bantar	1st Recommendation
2	2	Bauri	1st Recommendation
3	3	Bhogta	1st Recommendation
4	4	Bhuiya	1st Recommendation
5	7	Chaupal	1st Recommendation
6	8	Dabgar	1st Recommendation
7	10	Dom, Dhangad	1st Recommendation
8	12	Ghasi	1st Recommendation
9	13	Halalkhor	1st Recommendation
10	14	Hari, Mehtar, Bhangi	1st Recommendation
11	15	Kanjar	1st Recommendation
12	16	Kurariar	1st Recommendation
13	17	Lalbegi	1st Recommendation
14	18	Musahar	1st Recommendation
15	19	Nat	1st Recommendation

16	20	Pan, Swasi	1st Recommendation
17	22	Rajwar	1st Recommendation
18	23	Turi	1st Recommendation
19	9	Dhobi	2nd Recommendation
20	21	Pasi	2nd Recommendation

To study the recommendations of the commission, State Govt. constituted a high level committee under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary. Several meetings were held to discuss measures for development.

During 2007-08, State Govt. sanctioned a special project of Rs.288.19 crores for a period of three years. The project includes various schemes for the social, economic, infrastructure development. One of the major decisions of the State Govt. was to appoint "Vikas Mitra", a person at the tola level to act as a bridge between the Mahadalits and the govt. functionaries.

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Structure of Bihar Mahadalit Vikas Mission

State Mission Office - State Mission Office will design, implement, monitor and evaluate the Mission work in the state.

District Mission Office - District Mission office will be responsible in implementing the programme at the district level.

Block Mission Office - Block Mission Office will implement and monitor the programme at the Block level.

Vikas Mitra - Vikas Mitra is one of the important aspects of Mission's work. It will help in reaching the services at the village level.