



al Report on the Working of
Backward Class Department
1938-39



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The amount of Rs. 33,500 mentioned above includes expenditure on account of travelling allowance for members of the Backward Class Board while the expenditure on contingencies includes the amount spent for housing sites for Backward Classes and also expenditure on food charges, etc., in the Government Backward Class Hostel, Poona.

In conclusion, I may add that Government is keenly interested in tackling all possible progressive measures conducive to the advancement of the Backward Classes in general and Scheduled Classes in particular.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

D. A. DHRUVA,

Backward Class Officer,
Bombay Province, Poona.

APPENDIX I.

Important subjects discussed by the Backward Class Board during the year 1938-39.

14th and 15th July 1938.

1. Awarding free-studentships to Backward Class students attending grant-in-aid Secondary schools in the Province.
2. In order to encourage female education amongst the Backward Classes, scholarships should be awarded to Backward Class girls reading in Primary and Secondary schools.
3. In villages, exaction of forced labour from the Scheduled Classes should be stopped and they should be paid adequately if they are made to render services of a private nature.
4. All the stalls, hostels, boarding and lodging houses, etc., maintained for the use of the public in the Province, should be compelled to have Government license wherein a condition should be inserted that they shall be open for all members of the public without any distinction of caste or creed.
5. Improving the lot of the scavengers in Municipalities by securing for them the rights of scheduled services, confinement holidays, grant of special uniforms while on duty and providing housing accommodation, etc.
6. Constitution of a Sub-Committee for considering the revision of the existing schedules of Backward Classes.

29th and 30th October 1938.

7. With a view to facilitate military education amongst the Scheduled Classes some scholarships should be reserved for the Scheduled Class students desirous of pursuing military education in the Military Schools either at Poona or Nasik.

8. Untouchability should not be observed in any of the Government institutions and boardings in the Province.

9. Opening of a Backward Class hostel at Surat and to maintain it at Government expense.

10. Appointment of at least one Scheduled Class and qualified person in each district to the post of supervisor over Primary schools.