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Orders have also been issued by Government, warning all Government servants against taking private services from the village inferior servants.

(iv) With a view to achieve more effective results in eradicating untouchability, Government contemplate moving in the Legislatures a Bill called "The Removal of Social Disabilities Bill".

(v) Government have appointed a Special Officer for the general uplift work in the Bhil area of the West Khandesh District. The Special Officer is to act as "Protector of the Bhils" and he will be a Liaison Officer between the Bhils and the various Government Departments. He holds charge of this special post for a period of two years.

#### *The Backward Class Board.*

19. The Backward Class Board constituted under Government Resolution, General Department, No. 8697, dated the 17th November 1937, continued to function during the year under report. As the Honourable the Prime Minister is the President of the Board many interesting subjects affecting the amelioration of the condition of Backward Classes are discussed by the Board. During the year, two sessions of the Backward Class Board were held. A few of the subjects discussed by the Board are detailed in Appendix I.

#### *Finance.*

20. The expenditure incurred by the Backward Class Department during the year under the budget head "47—Miscellaneous Departments—Miscellaneous—Backward Class Officer" was as follows :—

			Rs.	a.	p.
(1) Pay of Establishment	...	...	1,524	10	0
(2) Contingencies	...	...	9,344	15	0
(3) Scholarships	...	...	5,617	6	10
(4) Grants-in-aid	...	...	39,106	0	0
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			55,592	15	10
Additional amount transferred from					
"28—Jails, etc." on account of portion					
of the divisible expenditure of the					
Backward Class Officer and his establish-					
ment	...	...	33,500	0	0
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			89,092	15	10
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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.

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#### 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.