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## HP issues guidelines for SCs' speedy development

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THE HIMACHAL government today issued guidelines for "speedy" economic and social development of Scheduled Castes in the state, for which 11 per cent of the total state plan funds would be earmarked.

According to the guidelines, the funds would be put in a special component plan to be formulated by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Sixty per cent of the total resources available under the special component plan would be allocated in proportion to the inter-district distribution of the population of Scheduled Castes, 10 per cent would be distributed in proportion to the number of villages with more than 50 per cent concentration of SCs (based on 2001 census) and 30 per cent distributed in proportion to the actual number of SC families in individual districts according to the 1998 BPL survey.

All the districts will prepare their plan in consultation with the district-level officers under overall supervision and guidance of respective deputy commissioners.

The prepared plan shall be approved by the district-level formulation and review committee (proposed to be constituted) ahead of getting clearance from the the Department.

## Red Cross Society joins hands with S.M Charitable Trust

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THE KANGRA district Red Cross Society has joined hands with the S.M Charitable Trust, Palampur, to organise monthly disability camps at the SM Convention Centre, a venue provided by the trust free of cost.

The Red Cross Society would arrange the doctors for the camp and the other expenses would be borne by the trust.

The Red Cross Society organises these camps under the aegis of Union Ministry of Social Justice, said Capt. S.M Abrol, secretary, Red Cross Society, Kangra. Taking the initiative, the society organised its camp

at the convention centre in which as many as 80 physically disabled people were checked by a team of doctors including Dr J.S. Chandel, eye surgeon, Dharamsala, Dr D.S. Chandel, SMO, Palampur, Dr Jaidesh Rana, physican, Palampur, and assisted by Rakesh Tripathi, psychologist, Sapna Negi, Mobility instructor, volun-

teers Veena Raina and Urnil Rana, all from the Red Cross Society, Kangra. According to a survey, there are 20,000 physically disabled persons in the district and the Red Cross Society has helped around 8,000 such persons in 70 camps held within three years, said Abrol.

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