District Social Welfare Officer, Zilla Parishad, Kolhapur. Information on the schemes implemented by the office.

No.	Scheme name	Merit scholarships for backward class students studying in secondary school		
1	Whose plan is it?	State Government		
2	Brief information about the scheme	Class	Category	Amount
		5 to 7	Scheduled Caste	500/-
		8 to 10	Scheduled Caste	1000/-
3	Scheme Terms and Conditions	 The student should belong to the Scheduled Caste category The student should be studying in class 5th to 10th The benefit of the scheme is applicable to both boys and girls. There is a condition of at least 50% marks to get the benefit of the scheme. The student should be in regular attendance. Proposals are received from the principals of all secondary schools in the district, caste-wise Only two students can be selected from a class. 		
4	Benefits of the scheme	The school dropout rate of Scheduled Caste boys and girls is reduced and they are encouraged to pursue education.		