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## Corporation to launch two projects for SC students

The City Corporation will soon launch two projects aimed at improving the academic performance of Scheduled Caste (SC) students.

The standing committee on Education is drawing up the final form of these projects, one for providing financial aid to students studying professional courses and another for special tuition to improve their academic performance.

The project to provide financial assistance to Scheduled Caste students who opt for professional courses will allot Rs.25,000 in the first year for those studying in colleges located within the State. For those studying outside, the amount provided will be Rs.50,000.

“Applications have been invited already. For now, we are providing financial assistance only for the first year, as a measure of encouragement for them. Giving such assistance

through the course is not possible right now, but we will consider it,” said K.S. Sheela, chairperson of the Education standing committee.

The second project is aimed at helping Plus Two students who want to take up professional courses. Special weekend tuition will be arranged for Scheduled Caste students, free of cost, with focus on science subjects and mathematics.

“As per the plan, there will be two classes a week, of four hours duration each. We are thinking of conducting the classes at the technical school at Pongumoodu. The classes will be conducted by experts from IHRD and other institutions.

“We are also looking for retired teachers who would like to volunteer for a small sum,” said Ms. Sheela.

The Corporation is planning to expand the special tuitions to economically backward students too.

***Projects for financial aid, special tuition For now, financial aid only during first year***