

- 1. During 2019-20, 3397 children were provided assistance to the tune of Rs.5.62 Crore. 624 new children were provided assistance during this period.**

Project 'Assist' is the flagship scheme of the Foundation which provides financial assistance to children, who become orphan or destitute due to death or permanent incapacitation of either both the parents or the main bread earner in the family in communal and other forms of societal violence. Children whose family's income is up to Rupees Two Lakh per annum are eligible for assistance. Each child is provided financial assistance @ Rs.1,250 per month up to class XII; Rs.1,500 per month for graduation / post-graduation and Rs.1,750 per month for professional courses, without any restriction on the number of children in a family. The assistance is given till the child attains the age of 25 years. Some of the highlights of the scheme are as under:

- *13479 children have been covered under the scheme since 1992;*
- *A sum of Rs.90.12 Crore has been disbursed as assistance up to 31.03.2020 since 1992;*
- *624 fresh cases were approved and 2773 cases were renewed for grant of assistance under Project 'Assist' during 2019-20 at the cost of Rs 5.62 Crore.*
- *So far 161 districts in 24 States in the country have been covered under the Project.*

Proposals of eligible children, either fresh or for renewal, are received through district administration. These proposals are examined and processed by the Foundation, thereafter; the assistance for children is released either through Direct Bank Transfer or through concerned District Collectors. Immediately after release of assistance by the Foundation, affected families are informed.