

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2447
ANSWERED ON 15/12/2025

Central Scholarships Schemes in Tamil Nadu

2447. Shri Sasikanth Senthil:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of scholarships awarded to students from Tamil Nadu under various Central Government scholarship schemes during the last five years, under-graduate and post-graduate levels, category-wise;
- (b) the funds allocated and disbursed to beneficiaries during the said period;
- (c) whether the Government maintains data on the total number of students benefitted from the said schemes across the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether any measures has been taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase awareness and accessibility of Central scholarship schemes among students from rural and economically weaker backgrounds in Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (d): Education is in the concurrent list and both the central Government and State Governments work together for improvement of education. The Central Government is implementing various scholarship schemes for providing financial assistance to all categories of students across the country including state of Tamil Nadu, subject to extant scheme guidelines.

Based on information received from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Tribal affairs, Department of Science and Technology, University Grants Commission and All India Council of Technical Education, the number of scholarships awarded to students of Tamil Nadu under various Central Government scholarship schemes,

category-wise, level-wise during the last five years and the funds allocated and disbursed to beneficiaries may be accessed at https://www.education.gov.in/parl_ques.

In 2024-25, about 95 lakh scholarships have been disbursed to the students for pursuing post-matric and higher education. This includes about 27 lakh scholarships for Other Backward Classes (OBC), Extremely Backward Classes (EBC) and Denotified Tribes (DNT) students; about 48 lakh scholarships for Scheduled Castes (SC) students; and about 17 lakh scholarships for Scheduled Tribes (ST) students. The scheme-wise details may be accessed at https://www.education.gov.in/parl_ques.

To spread awareness among the students from rural and economically weaker backgrounds, information regarding the scholarship is disseminated through print and social media among the stakeholders, including education departments and higher secondary boards of all States including Tamil Nadu. Information useful for the students are also provided at dedicated students' section of the National Scholarship Portal.



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MINISTRY / DEPARTMENT	SCHEME Name	FY	GEN		OBC		SC		ST		Total	
			No. of Scholarships (Fresh+ Renewal)	Amount disbursed (₹ lakh)	No. of Scholarships (Fresh+ Renewal)	Amount disbursed (₹ lakh)	No. of Scholarships (Fresh+ Renewal)	Amount disbursed (₹ lakh)	No. of Scholarships (Fresh+ Renewal)	Amount disbursed (₹ lakh)	No. of Scholarships (Fresh+ Renewal)	Amount disbursed (₹ lakh)
DoHE	PM-USP CSSS	2020-21	370	54.80	6489	708.80	882	90.90	25	2.60	7766	857.1
		2021-22	321	42.00	9805	1035.10	2009	203.90	51	5.30	12186	1286.3
		2022-23	187	24.04	12295	1530.48	2452	299.94	83	10.06	15017	1864.52
		2023-24	272	33.84	11158	1404.08	2289	284.12	88	10.96	13807	1733
		2024-25	274	35.12	11485	1508.04	2130	275.12	90	11.68	13979	1829.96
UGC	National Scholarship for Postgraduate Studies	2020-21	Scheme was re-structured in AY 2023-24									
		2021-22										
		2022-23										
		2023-24	101	151.50	828	1242.00	240	360.00	4	6.00	1173	1759.50
		2024-25	69	103.50	543	814.50	70	105.00	2	3.00	684	1026.00
AICTE	AICTE Pragati Scholarship Scheme for Girl Students (Degree and Diploma Levels)	2020-21	26	9.61	304	113.98	69	19.87	5	1.91	404	145.36
		2021-22	216	107.13	1803	893.33	403	198.56	11	5.34	2433	1204.35
		2022-23	306	152.46	2665	1328.74	616	307.08	15	7.34	3602	1795.61
		2023-24	263	131.5	2638	1319	602	301	38	19	3541	1770.5
		2024-25	2859	1429.5	1306	653	593	296.5	75	37.5	4833	2416.5

AICTE-Saksham Scholarship Scheme for Differently-Abled Students (Degree and Diploma Levels)	2020-21	3	1.3	28	8.3525	5	1.6	0	0	36	11.2525
	2021-22	16	8	123	60.75	31	15.5	0	0	170	84.25
	2022-23	20	10	161	79.6	44	22	3	1.5	228	113.1
	2023-24	9	4.5	94	47	23	11.5	1	0.5	127	63.5
	2024-25	18	9	345	172.5	42	21	19	9.5	424	212
AICTE Swanath Scholarship Scheme (Degree and Diploma Levels)	2020-21	AICTE Swanath Scholarship Scheme start from 2021-22									
	2021-22										
	2022-23	38	30	196	152.5	13	9.5	2	2	249	194
	2023-24	22	12.5	130	87.5	10	7.5	1	0.5	163	108
	2024-25	24	16	216	140	14	8	2	1.5	256	165.5
Post Graduate (PG) Scholarship Scheme of AICTE	2020-21	707	743.5	716	793.33	96	103.32	5	4.02	1524	1644.17
	2021-22	660	609.78	711	653.51	107	96.8	3	2.62	1481	1362.72
	2022-23	547	454.8	528	471.37	109	104.5	2	1.74	1186	1032.4
	2023-24	394	339.02	351	319.16	90	83.64	2	1.09	837	742.91
	2024-25	328	276.7	292	250.07	89	70.48	2	2.55	711	599.8

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Ministry/ Department	Scheme Name	Category	2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
			No. of Beneficiaries	Disbursed Amount (₹ Crore)	No. of Beneficiaries	Disbursed Amount (₹ Crore)	No. of Beneficiaries	Disbursed Amount (₹ Crore)	No. of Beneficiaries	Disbursed Amount (₹ Crore)	No. of Beneficiaries	Disbursed Amount (₹ Crore)
MoSJE	Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC student	SC	654131	120.23	441672	278.88	543772	726.25	643761	713.70	934793	1032.09
	Post-Matric Scholarship for OBCs, EBCs & DNTs Students	OBC	2.21 lakh	79.17	4.53 lakh	160.79	4.53 lakh	82.97	4.763 lakh	135	4.59 lakh	119.37
	Top Class Education in College for OBCs, EBCs & DNTs Students	OBC	Scheme implemented in 2023-24						150	5.71	398	14.79
MoTA	Post-Matric Scholarship for ST students	ST	21383	-	24441	-	23529	-	25216	-	28273	
	National Scholarship Scheme for ST	ST	3	-	10	-	13	-	12	-	13	
DST	INSPIRE-SHE	All category	108	0.73	123	0.77	104	0.67	175	1.04	121	0.74

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Ministry/ Department	Name of the scheme	FY 2024-25	
		Total No. of Scholarships	Amount released (₹ Cr.)
Scholarship Division, DoHE	Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students	204049	259.65
	Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh	11212	143.90
AICTE	Post Graduate (PG) Scholarship Scheme of AICTE	10837	88.41
	AICTE Pragati Scholarship Scheme for Girl Students (Degree and Diploma Levels)	35998	179.99
	Saksham Scholarship Scheme for Differently-Abled Students (Degree and Diploma Levels)	2426	12.13
	AICTE Swanath Scholarship Scheme (Degree and Diploma Levels)	1023	6.59
UGC	Ishan Uday special scholarship for NER	29144	224.99
	National scholarship for PG studies	15601	234.02
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC	4804208	5562.24
	Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for OBC, EBC and DNT students	2541000	892
	Top Class Scholarship for SC Students	4538	103.26
	Top Class Education in Colleges for OBC, EBC and DNT students	11126	213.98
Ministry of Tribal Affairs	Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST	1816293	2598.34
	National Scholarship for Higher Education (Top Class Scholarship) of ST students	7013	95.38
Department of Science and Technology (DST)	Inspire - SHE (Scholarship for Higher Education)	35840	218.67
Total		9530308	10833.55