

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR SCS STS AND OBCS FOR HIGHER STUDIES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any scheme for the benefits of Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) for pursuing higher studies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the allocation of funds made thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the number of SCs/STs and OBCs students benefited thereunder and the amount of assistance extended to each such student during the said period alongwith the criteria adopted for their selection;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to ensure jobs for successful students after completion of their higher studies; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a to c) The Government is implementing following schemes for SCs, STs and OBCs for pursuing higher studies:-

- (1) National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Caste etc. candidates.
- (2) National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe etc. candidates.
- (3) Post Matric Scholarships to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes.
- (4) Post Matric Scholarships to the students belonging to Scheduled Tribes.
- (5) Post Matric Scholarships to the students belonging to Other Backward Classes.

The details of the schemes relating to SC and OBC students are available in the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment's website and that for ST students are available in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs' Annual Report for the year 2004-05 . Central assistance released and students covered under the National Overseas Scholarships schemes during last three years including the current financial year are at annexure. In case of other Post-Matric Scholarships Schemes, the number of students covered and funds released include all Post-matric courses and no separate data is maintained for higher studies courses.

Besides the above schemes Two New Central Sector Schemes namely 'Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship' (RGNF) for Scheduled Caste Students and 'Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship' for Scheduled Tribe students for pursuing higher studies leading to M. Phil and Ph. D have been introduced during the current financial year 2005-06. Any student belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes category admitted to M. Phil / Ph. D degree in a University or academic institution will be eligible for the award of the Fellowship. The Fellowship is on the same scale as the University Grants Commission (UGC)'s Scheme of Junior Research Fellowships (JRF).

(d) No Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b&c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question NO. 640 dated 23.2.2006 regarding 'Schemes for SCs ,STs and OBCs for higher studies'.

Rs. in lakh

Sl.No.	Name of the scheme	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	
	(As on 20.02.06)					
	Amount	No. of	Amount	No. of	Amount	No. of
	released	students	released	students	released	students

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1 National Overseas candidates 50.00 # 70.00 # 90.00 ## 71.69 &
Scholarship for
Scheduled Caste etc.

2 National Overseas 19.85 # 25.45 # 27.59 & nil \$
Scholarship for
Scheduled Tribe etc.
candidates

#No selection was made during these years. Expenditure incurred is on the candidates selected earlier and who were studying abroad.

##20 candidates have been selected and are at various stages of their study/admission.

& Selection for candidates is under process.

\$ Advertisement for selection of candidates is yet to be released.