

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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NEW SCHEMES FOR SCS  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the new schemes/programmes introduced for the welfare of Scheduled Castes (SCs) during the last one year;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to introduce more new schemes for development of SCs;
- (c) if so, the details of schemes which are under consideration/preparation in this regard; and
- (d) the time by which these schemes are likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MEIRA KUMAR)

(a) A new Scheme of Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) for Scheduled Caste students has been introduced in the last financial year. A total of 1333 fellowships are to be provided to students belonging to Scheduled Castes to pursue higher studies leading to award of M. Phil and Ph. D degree.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Name of Schemes are as under

(i) Top class education for Scheduled Castes.

(ii) Self-employment scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers.

(iii) Establishment of Residential School for Scheduled Castes Students.

(iv) Assistance to Meritorious students belonging to Scheduled Castes for pursuing studies in Residential Schools. Details of the schemes are being finalized.

(d) Since several procedural formalities are involved it is difficult to indicate a time frame.