

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2486
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2006
POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SC STUDENTS
Sethi Shri Arjun Charan

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is providing Post Matric Scholarships to the Scheduled Caste students to prevent dropouts and help pursuing their studies in the higher level;
- (b) if so, the total funds allocated and released for this category of students during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07, State/Union Territory-wise;
- (c) whether the funds allocated have not been given to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations in time as a result the SC students face much difficulties to continue their studies;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government of Orissa has not received the funds till date inspite of fulfilling the criteria fixed for the release of the funds for these years;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the time by which the funds are likely to be released?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Central assistance released to the States/UTs during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 (as on 31.7.2006) is as per statement enclosed.
- (c) & (d) Central assistance is released on receipt of proposals from each State/UT. Students do not normally face difficulty as State Governments initially meet their requirements out of their own budget.
- (e) to (g) Adhoc Central assistance of Rs. 1739.68 lakhs has been released to the State Government of Orissa on 27.6.2006, which includes Rs. 861.00 lakhs due for 2005-06. No Central assistance was released to Government of Orissa during 2004-05, as they had unspent balance of Rs. 201.63 lakhs.

Statement is reply to part (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2486 for 17.8.2006 by Shri Arjun Sethi regarding Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes.

Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for SC students-Central assistance released (Rs. in lakh)

S. No. State 2004-05 2005-06 2006-07 (up to 31.7.2006)

1. Andhra Pradesh 8434.74 9435.46 1814.24

2. Assam 228.28 490.41 264.86

3. Bihar 1000.00 1100.00 1892.74

4. Chattisgarh 1567.79 526.00 0

5. Goa 1.93 3.00 3.45

6. Gujarat 463.84 940.12 521.13

7. Haryana 425.90 456.00 657.99

8. Himachal Pradesh 31.21 143.87 0

9. Jammu & Kashmir 28.80 136.31 111.71

10. Jharkhand 84.31 0.00 0.00

11. Karnataka 2699.58 2652.00 1242.22

12. Kerala 999.49 3771.00 453.14

13. Madhya Pradesh 1366.60 3064.10 1327.98

14. Maharashtra 4220.47 8490.95 1433.36

15. Manipur 84.13 126.43 11.57

16. Meghalaya 4.67 8.33 1.62

17. Orissa 0.00 0.00 1739.68

18. Punjab 0.00 0.00 0.00

19. Rajasthan 1157.87 1508.34 1992.21

20. Sikkim 0.00 0.00 4.48

21. Tamil Nadu 2891.78 6982.18 1719.97

22. Tripura 195.84 222.39 80.61

23. Uttar Pradesh 5937.70 11087.00 5098.37

24. Uttranchal 302.25 296.13 220.07

25. West Bengal 807.19 3279.00 2676.60

26. Daman & Diu 0.89 0.50 2.23

27. Dadra & Nagar Haveli 0.00 0.00 0.00

28. Delhi 6.65 0.00 0.00

29. Pondicherry 85.38 90.00 59.71

Total 33027.29 54809.52 23329.94