

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1741

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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR TALENTED TRIBAL STUDENTS

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether a large number of talented Tribal students, particularly in backward areas, are unable to develop the potential due to their poor economic conditions;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) Whether the Government propose to earmark some fund on a separate head every year for development of talented tribal students; and
- (d) If not, the steps Government propose to develop the potential of needy poor ST Students?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH)

(a) to (b) This Ministry provides financial assistance to all tribal students through the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme. In addition, it also provides assistance through the following schemes:-

- (i) Eklavaya Model Residential School
- (ii) Upgradation of Merit
- (iii) Coaching and Allied scheme.
- (iv) National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for Higher Studies Abroad
- (v) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship

(c) In view of a & b above, there is no proposal in this Ministry to earmark separate funds every year for development of talented tribal students.

(d) Does not arise.