

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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RATE OF SCHOLARSHIP TO ST STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) The existing rate of scholarship offered to the Scheduled Tribe students for various courses;
- (b) Whether there is any proposal to enhance the scholarship rates; and
- (c) If so, the extent to which and the time by which the rates are likely to be increased ?

**Answer**

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

(a) This Ministry provides financial assistance to tribal students through the following schemes;

1. Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship (PMS) for ST students. Under the scheme of PMS value of scholarship includes maintenance allowance, reimbursement of compulsory non-refundable fees, study tour charges, thesis typing/printing charges and book allowance for students pursuing correspondence courses. The courses of studies have been categorized in four groups i.e. I, II, III & IV. The rate of maintenance allowance as per group of studies and other allowances is at Annexure-1.
2. The National Overseas Scholarship Scheme aims to provide financial assistance to the ST students selected for pursuing higher studies abroad in specified fields of Master level courses, Ph. D. and Post Doctoral research programmes in the field of Engineering, Technology and Science. The awardees are provided various allowances as detailed at Annexure 2.
3. Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship Scheme aims to provide fellowships in form of financial assistance to pursue higher studies i.e. M. Phil or Ph. D. The existing rates of fellowship are given at Annexure-3.

(b) At present, there is no proposal for enhancement of rates of scholarship under these schemes.

(c) Does not arise.