

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2835  
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POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR ST STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

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

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes Sir. This Ministry implements a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship (PMS) for ST students.
- (b) The State-wise/UT-wise allocation of funds since 2004-05 to 2006-07 under the scheme of PMS is at Annexure-I.
- (c) Keeping in view the hardship faced by students if scholarship are not received in time, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has taken a decision with effect from 2004-05 to release `on account` payments to the State Governments to the extent of 50% of the Central Share of the previous year without waiting for the proposal from the State Governments.
- (d) No Sir, during the year 2005-06 an amount of Rs. 100.00 lakhs as adhoc grant was released to the State Government of Orissa. The status of release of grants during the year 2004-05 to 2006-07 is given as under:-