

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:42

ANSWERED ON:14.08.2007

SCHOLARSHIP TO MERITORIOUS STUDENTS BELONGING TO SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has taken a decision to grant sufficient amount of scholarship to the meritorious students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for pursuing higher education and for purchasing books; and

(b) if so. the details Thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED-QUESTION NO. 42 FOR ANSWER ON 14.08.2007 ASKED BY SHRIMATI BHAVANA P. GAWALI AND SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE REGARDING SCHOLARSHIP TO MERITORIOUS STUDENTS BELONGING TO SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES.

(a) Yes, Sir. Government has introduced a new Central Sector Scholarship Scheme of Top Class Education for SC and ST students, from the academic year 2007-08 with the objective of encouraging meritorious SC and ST students for pursuing degree and post-degree courses in identified institutions.

(b) The Scholarship covers full tuition fees and other non-refundable dues in respect of Government / Government- funded institutions. However, there is a ceiling of Rs.2 lakhs per annum per beneficiary studying in identified private sector institutions and Ks.3.72 lakhs per annum per beneficiary undergoing training in identified private sector Hying clubs for commercial pilot training, on tuition fees and other non-refundable dues. Up to Rs. 2200/- per month for living expenses (based on actuals), Rs.3.000/- per annum for books and stationery, and Rs.45.000/- as a `one-time` assistance for computer and accessories, is also given to each SC / ST student beneficiary under the above scheme.