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LOK SABHA**

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COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME FOR SCHEDULED CASTES AND OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES

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

(a) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take steps to prepare a comprehensive programme for educational and economic development of Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on date; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) The Government of India have been implementing the following schemes for educational and economic development of Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes:-

For Scheduled Castes

- i. Post-matric Scholarship for SC students.
- ii. National Overseas Scholarship.
- iii. Rajiv Gandhi Fellowship.
- iv. Special Component Plan/ Special Central Assistance for economic development of Scheduled Castes.
- v. Top Class Education Scholarship.
- vi. Scheme of Free Coaching for SC & OBC students.
- vii. Scheme of Upgradation of Merit for SCs.
- viii. Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for the Children of those Engaged in Unclean occupations
- ix. Scheme of Hostel for SC boys and girls.
- x. National Scheduled Castes Finance & Development Corporation for providing credit facilities to persons belonging to scheduled castes living below double the poverty line for income generating activities.
- xi. Equity support to Scheduled Castes Development Corporations to provide financial assistance to SC families,
- xii. Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organizations working for the SCs for general/technical/vocational education and income generating activities.

For Other Backward Classes

- i. Pre-matric Scholarship for OBC students.
- ii. Post-matric Scholarship for OBC students.
- iii. Scheme of Hostel for OBC boys and girls.
- iv. Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of OBCs to improve the educational and socio-economic conditions of OBCs through skill upgradation.
- v. National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation to provide additional channel of finance for economically and financially viable projects and to upgrade the technological and entrepreneurial skills of individuals or groups belonging to OBCs.