

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES FOR SCHEDULED CASTES AND OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES STUDENTS

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

- (a) the details of scholarship schemes presently implemented by the Government for the students of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs);
- (b) the criteria adopted for selection of students under said schemes;
- (c) the details of Central assistance allocated and released under the said schemes during 2006-07 and 2007-08, scheme-wise and State/UT-wise;
- (d) the details of utilization of Central assistance released under the scholarship schemes by the State Governments and Union Territories/Administrations during 2006-07, scheme-wise and State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the number of students benefited/to be benefited during 2006-07 and 2007-08, State/UT- wise and scheme-wise?

Answer

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

(a) The Scheme of Post Matric scholarships to SC Students, Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowships for Providing Scholarships to SC students for pursuing higher studies and the scheme of National Overseas scholarship for SC candidates, Scheme of Upgradation of Merit of SC Students, Scheme of Scholarship of Top Class Education for SC Students and the Schemes of Post Matric and Pre-Matric Scholarships for Other Backward Classes students are being implemented.

(b) Under the Post Matric Scholarships schemes for SC students scholarship are given to students whose parents/guardians income from all sources does not exceed Rs.1 lakh p.a.. Under the scheme of Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for Providing Scholarships to SC students, any student belonging to SC category who has been admitted to M. Phil/ Ph.D. degree in a University or academic institution by completing the required formalities will be eligible for award of the fellowship. Under the scheme of National Overseas scholarship for SCs etc. an applicant should be below 35 years, as on first day of the month of the advertisement of the scheme and total income from all sources of the employed candidate or his/her parents/guardians, shall not exceed Rs.25,000/- p.m. For Ph.D. course the applicant should have first class or 60% marks or equivalent grade in the relevant Master's Degree. For Master's Degree the applicant should have first class or 60% marks or equivalent grade in relevant Bachelor's degree. In case of scheme of scholarship of Top Class education for SC, students who secure admission in the notified institutes according to the norms prescribed by them and whose total family income is up to Rs.2 lakhs per annum are eligible for the scholarship, and under the Post-matric and Pre-matric Scholarships for OBC students, those students whose parents/guardians income from all sources does not exceed Rs.44,500/- p.a. are entitled for the scheme.

(c) to (e) As per annexures.