

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF PRE/ POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP TO OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES

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

(a) whether the Government is considering to make available necessary funds for the 100% payment of pre-matric and post-matric scholarships to the students of Other Backward Classes as provided to the students of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which this decision is likely to be taken in this regard and the amount is likely to be made available to the State Governments?

Answer

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

(a) Under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for OBC students, 100% central assistance is provided to State Govts./UTs over and above their Committed liability. Under the pre-matric Scholarship Scheme for OBC students the central Govt. assistance is limited to 50% of the scholarship amount. There is no proposal to revise the existing funding pattern under the above schemes.