

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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QUALITY EDUCATION TO SCHEDULED CASTES STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed any new scheme to provide quality education `on a par with public schools` for Scheduled Castes students for their upliftment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the expected cost of the expenditure involved for the scheme; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to upgrade the educational standards of the students belonging to the disadvantaged sections of the society?

Answer

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

- (a) to (d) The Government is implementing various schemes for educational development of SC boys and girls, which include
- (a) Upgradation of Merit
 - (b) Scheme of Free Coaching
 - (c) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme,
 - (d) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship,
 - (e) National Overseas Scholarship Scheme; and
 - (f) NGO schemes for running schools and training centers. In addition, the Government has recently introduced a new scholarship scheme of Top Class Education for SC Students for pursuing studies beyond 12th class in the designated institutes of excellence.