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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start Online Scholarship facility to the students for various stages at education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the existing National Merit Scholarship Scheme is likely to be revised; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the `National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme` for students in Classes IX to XII and in the `Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students` , the scholarship is disbursed electronically into the bank accounts of the students.

(c) I Does not arise.

(d) The National Merit Scholarship Scheme has been closed w.e.f. 31-03-2007 and in its place two new schemes have been initiated, namely `National Means-cum- Merit Scholarship Scheme` and `Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students`.

(e) In the `National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme`, scholarships @ BE Rs. 500/- per month is awarded to meritorious students of economically weaker sections studying in classes IX to XII. The eligible students are selected through an examination conducted by NCERT. One lakh scholarships are available each year under this scheme.

In the `Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students` scholarship is paid @ Rs. 1,000/- per month at the graduation level for first three years and Rs.2,000/- per month thereafter. Students securing a minimum of 80% marks in the Class XII or equivalent exams and belonging to `non-creamy layer` are eligible to be considered for the scholarship. Eighty-two thousand fresh scholarships, 41000 for boys and 41000 for girls are available every year under this scheme.