

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

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NURSING SCHEME FOR SC STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched a free Nursing Education Scheme/programme for the students belonging to the Scheduled Castes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds sanctioned by the Government for the said scheme/programme and the number of students benefited there under, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has not launched such a scheme. However, under the centrally sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Caste Students (PMS-SC), Nursing is included as one of the courses for availing Scholarship. PMS-SC is implemented by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations which are given admissible central assistance. Nevertheless, separate State/Union Territory wise data with regard to number of students having received scholarship during a financial year for Nursing Course under PMS-SC is not centrally maintained.