

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SCHOLARSHIPS TO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria for giving scholarships to college and university students to meet their day-to-day expenses while pursuing higher studies and also for facilitating sending of scholars abroad to enable them to best utilize better research facilities there;
- (b) the number of students and scholars benefited from the scheme during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to review criteria for grant of scholarships to cover more number of students and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether there is lack of awareness about scholarship scheme across the country and if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to popularize the said scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) Under the Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students, students who are above 80th percentile of successful candidates in the relevant stream from a particular Board of Examination, in class XII of 10+2 pattern or equivalent, having parental income of less than Rs.6.00 lakh per annum and pursuing regular courses (not correspondence or distance mode) from recognized educational institutions and not availing of any other scholarship scheme, are eligible for consideration of award of scholarship.

The Government also facilitates award of scholarships offered by the foreign governments for Indian students to pursue higher studies in the respective countries. The selection of candidates for such awards is done strictly on the basis of merit.

(b) The information is given in Annexure.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) No, Madam. The Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students is implemented through the State Education Boards and Central Board of Secondary Education who disseminate the information about the Scheme.