

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1237
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2018**

PLANS FOR ECONOMICALLY BACKWARD COMMUNITIES

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

- (a) the details of plans being formulated by Government to help the educationally and economically backward communities of the country to secure their rights;
- (b) the road map of the said plan, if any; and
- (c) if no plan has been formulated, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)**

(a) to (c) The Government of India have formulated following two schemes for upliftment of students of Economically Backward Communities:-

(i) Dr. Ambedkar Post-Matric Scholarship for Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) is being implemented with the objective to provide financial assistance to the students of Economically Backward Communities studying at post-matriculation or post-secondary stage. The income ceiling of parents/guardians for eligibility is Rs. 1.00 lakh per annum.

(ii) Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loan for Overseas Studies for EBCs is being implemented with the objective of awarding interest subsidy to meritorious EBC students so as to provide them better opportunities for higher education abroad and enhance their employability. The total income from all sources of the employed candidate or his/her parents/guardians in case of unemployed candidate shall not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakh per annum.

(iii) further, the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) has also started skill development programme for the EBCs.
