

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 442
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2018**

UNPAID POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS

442. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:

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

- (a) whether there are a large number of unpaid post-matric scholarships to Scheduled Caste students and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) by when all the dues would be cleared for the students in need; and
- (c) the reasons why Government has not been releasing appropriate funds for the single biggest source of college education for dalits and OBCs?

ANSWER

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

- (a): Under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Caste Students about Rs 3680 crore is pending for payments to the States/UTs towards arrears up to the year 2017-18.
- (b): Depending upon the availability of funds, the due arrears up to 2016-17 and Central assistance for 2017-18 & 2018-19 would be released to the States/UTs.
- (c): Under the Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes Students and Post Matric Scholarship for OBCs students, States/UTs are the implementing agencies. The funds are released to the States/UTs based on proposals received and availability of funds.
