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RAJYA SABHA
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SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENTS FROM MARGINALISED AND SC/ST COMMUNITIES

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

(a) the total utilisation of the budgetary support for the National Overseas Scholarship scheme to help students from marginalised communities to study abroad for the last five years;

(b) the total number of applications and scholarships awarded to students belonging to SC and ST communities over the past five years;

(c) the total number of students who have been awarded scholarship under the Top Class Education Scheme for SC students over the last five years; and

(d) the details of the expenditure incurred for the disbursement of the Top Class Education Scheme over the last five years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI A. NARAYANASWAMY)

(a) The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment implements two National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) schemes. One is implemented by the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment under which financial assistance is provided to selected students from Scheduled Castes, Denotified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes, Landless Agricultural Labourers and Traditional Artisans for pursuing Masters and Ph.D level courses abroad. The other is implemented by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DoEPwD) under which scholarship is provided to the selected students with disabilities for pursuing Masters and Ph. D level courses abroad. Similarly, Ministry of Tribal Affairs is also implementing NOS Scheme for students belonging to ST communities.

The total expenditure during the last five years under the three National Overseas Scholarship schemes for students from marginalised communities is Rs. 100.62 Crore.

(b) A total of 3244 applications were received over the past five years from students under the three schemes of National Overseas Scholarship mentioned in response to part (a) of the question. Out of these a total of 726 students have been awarded scholarships.

(c) & (d) A total of 9794 students have been awarded scholarships under the Top Class Education Scheme for SC students over the last five years, and an expenditure of Rs 179.62 Crores has been incurred under the scheme during the period.

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