

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO – 1726**  
ANSWERED ON - 21/12/2022

**PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR SC/ST/OBC STUDENTS**

1726. SHRI RANDEEP SINGH SURJEWALA

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

- (a) the year-wise amount of funds spent in pre-matric scholarship for SC/ST/OBC students enrolled from Class I to Class VIII for last five years;
- (b) whether children/wards of parents/guardians of manual scavengers under section 2(1) (g) of Manual Scavengers Act, 2013, waste pickers, tanners and flayers, persons engaged in hazardous cleaning under Section 2(1) (d) of Manual Scavengers Act, 2013 were benefitting from this scheme;
- (c) whether hostelers were benefitting from the scheme; and
- (d) the reasons for discontinuing the scheme for such students?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

(a) Pre-Matric Scholarship Schemes for SC/ST covers only students studying in classes IX and X. Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for OBC covers only students studying in classes IX and X w.e.f. 2022-23. The pre revised scheme was covering classes I to X. The scheme is implemented through the respective State Governments and UTs . The year wise amount of funds spent in Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC students enrolled from Class I to Class X is given in **Annexure-I**.

(b) Yes, Sir. Under Component-II of Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SCs and Others, scholarship is admissible to the children/wards of parents/guardians who irrespective of their caste/religion belong to the following categories-

1. Persons who are Manual Scavengers as defined under section 2(I) (g) of Manual Scavengers Act, 2013
2. Tanners & Flayers
3. Waste pickers and
4. Persons engaged in hazardous cleaning under Section 2(I) (d) of Manual Scavengers Act, 2013.

(c) Yes, hostelers are benefited from the scheme.

(d) None of the above scheme has been discontinued. However, Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC and Others has been revised and now it covers the students studying in Class IX and X only.

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**Annexure referred to in reply of RSUSQ No. 1726 to be answered on 21.12.2022 regarding Pre-Matric Scholarship for SC/ST/OBC Students**

**Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBCs and Others (Financial/Physical during last 5 years)**

Amount and Beneficiaries in lakh

2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
Financial	Physical	Financial	Physical	Financial	Physical	Financial	Physical	Financial	Physical
12822.72	50.94	12183.91	114.81	20157.31	94.52	16591.37	166.096	21828.90	39.93

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