

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
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REDUCTION IN BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MARGINALISED STUDENTS

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

- (a) whether the Budgetary allocation for Pre-matric scholarships for OBCs, EBCs and DNTs have been reduced;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of a tangible plan to widen the ambit of marginalized communities and include as many beneficiaries as possible to provide education for marginalized communities?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. The budget provision for financial year 2021-22 under the Scheme of Pre Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) and De-Notified Tribes (DNTs) was Rs. 250.00 crore. Whereas in financial year 2022-23, the budget provision is Rs. 394.61 crore.

(c) Pre Matric Scholarship scheme for OBCs, EBCs and DNTs has been revised in 2021-22 with an objective to cover approx 5.67 crore students under the scheme during the period of five year over the XV Finance Commission Cycle.
