

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3819
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 05/04/2023

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SCHEDULED TRIBE STUDENTS

3819 SMT. RANJEET RANJAN:
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are any scholarship schemes for the Scheduled Tribe (ST) students at the primary school level, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of higher education and foreign education scholarships that have been given by the Ministry for the welfare of ST students under different schemes; and
- (c) the budgetary expenditure for the last five years for such schemes?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs does not implement any scholarship scheme at primary schools level. For ST students of Class IX & X, Ministry is implementing Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme whose parental annual income is below Rs. 2.50 lakhs.

(b): Details of higher education and foreign education scholarships implemented by the M/o Tribal Affairs for the welfare of ST students is as under:

1. Post Matric Scholarship for ST students (Class XI and above): It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented through respective Ste/UT administrations. This is an open-ended Scheme covering all ST students studying in in class XI and above, whose parental annual income is below Rs. 2.50 lakhs. The contribution from Government of India is 75% and the state contribution is 25%. In respect of North East states and hilly states, the contribution from Government of India is 90% and the state contribution is 10%. In case of UTs like Andaman & Nicobar without Legislative Assembly and own grants, Govt. of India's contribution is 100%.

2. National Scholarship Scheme: Under this Central Sector Scheme, Scholarship is provided to ST for pursuing Graduate/Post Graduate courses in the 252 notified top class institutes such as Management, Medicine, Engineering, Information Technology, Law etc, whose annual parental income is below RS. 6 lakhs.

3. National Fellowship Scheme for Higher Education of ST Students: Under this Central Sector scheme, scholarship is provided to 1000 meritorious ST students every year for pursuing M.Phil or Ph.D in India.

4. **National Overseas Scholarship for ST students:** It is a Central Sector Scheme scholarships are given to 20 meritorious Schedule Tribe (ST) students every year for pursuing higher education in reputed Institutes/Universities abroad, whose parental income is below Rs 6 lakhs per annum.

(c): Details of fund released during last five years under above mentioned 4 higher education and foreign education scholarships schemes is given below:-

S. No.	Scheme Name	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
(Rs in Crore)						
1	Pre Matric Scholarship	294.08	311.50	439.99	248.90	394.14
2	Post Matric Scholarship	1463.87	1646.98	1862.65	1830.14	2256.81
3	National fellowship and Scholarship Scheme					
a	National Scholarship	29.77	17.89	19.00	29.30	35.17
b	National Fellowship	70.22	82.09	81.00	90.7	84.83
4	National Overseas Scholarship	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.76	4.95
