

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -1567  
ANSWERED ON - 02/08/2023

**FUNDS FOR POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR SC STUDENTS**

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

- (a) whether Government has any data on number of SC students eligible for or have applied for the Post-Matric Scholarship scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any data or estimate of funds required or have been allocated for the Post-Matric Scholarship scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and funds utilized and accounted for; and
- (e) whether Government has any mechanism or criteria to ensure that the funds are released and disbursed in a transparent and timely manner?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI A. NARAYANASWAMY)

(a) & (b) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students (PMS-SC) is an open-ended and a demand driven scheme in which all the eligible applicants (as per the scheme guidelines) whose applications are finally verified by the States/UTs and sent to Central Portal after paying the 40% State share (10% in case of NE States). The details of number of beneficiaries given the Central Share of scholarship during the year 2022-23 is attached at Annexure.

(c) & (d) Yes, Budget Estimate (BE) under the Post Matric Scholarship scheme for SC Students during 2022-23 was Rs. 5660 Cr., out of which, Rs 4392.50 Cr has been utilized.

(e) The Government of India is implementing the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students on DBT mode w.e.f 2021-22 wherein the Central Share of Scholarship is released directly into the bank account of beneficiary. W.e.f 2022-23, the Central Share is released directly into the Aadhaar seeded bank account of the beneficiary.

The applications are processed for the Central Share of Scholarship once the applications are finally verified by the States/UTs and sent to Central Portal after paying the 40% State share (10% in case of NE States).

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**Annexure**

Statement referred to Part (b) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1567 for answer on 02.08.2023

**Beneficiaries covered under Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students (PMS-SC) during the financial year 2022-23**

S. No.	State/UT	No. of beneficiaries
1	Andhra Pradesh	238915
2	Assam	11140
3	Bihar	136340
4	Chandigarh	876
5	Chhattisgarh	96267
6	D&D and DNH	98
7	Delhi	7531
8	Goa	1
9	Gujarat	113531
10	Haryana	87913
11	Himachal Pradesh	21502
12	Jammu & Kashmir	10097
13	Jharkhand	33922
14	Karnataka	458548
14	Kerala	42521
16	Madhya Pradesh	445319
17	Maharashtra	148573
18	Manipur	8988
19	Odisha	299369
20	Puducherry	3904
21	Punjab	40708
22	Rajasthan	303252
23	Sikkim	448
24	Tamil Nadu	543772
25	Telangana	0
26	Tripura	22278
27	Uttar Pradesh	1269634
28	Uttarakhand	27735
29	West Bengal	273953
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4647135</b>

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