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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
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Number of graduates from ST community

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Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of graduates among the ST community in the country, State/UT-wise data;
- (b) the specific plans initiated to prevent the drop out rate among the ST community; and
- (c) the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) As per the All-India Survey of Higher Education (AISHE), 2020-21, the total Out-turn (the number of students who have successfully completed/ graduated at various level such as UG, PG, etc) of Scheduled Tribe students in the country is 4,43,416. The State/ UT-wise data is available at https://www.education.gov.in/parl_ques

(b) & (c) As per the AISHE 2020-21, there has been a significant increase in the enrolment of ST students, to 24.12 lakh in 2020-21, from 16.41 Lakh in 2014-15 (an increase of 47%). The Government has taken several steps to increase the enrolment and encourage the SC/ST students in the Higher education: -

(i) The Government is implementing various fellowship and scholarship schemes to encourage students of Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), Other Backward Class (OBC). The details of these schemes including the number of slots, assistance offered and eligibility criteria are available in the following websites:

Sl. No.	Ministry/Department	Website links
1.	Department of Higher Education	https://www.education.gov.in/pm-usp-scholarships-education-loan
2.	University Grants Commission	https://frg.ugc.ac.in
3.	All India Council for Technical Education	https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/rifd/Scholarship-Schemes
4.	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	https://socialjustice.gov.in/scheme-cat
5.	Ministry of Tribal Affairs	https://tribal.nic.in/ScholarshiP.aspx

- (ii) All SC/ST students are exempted from payment of tuition fee in Centrally Funded National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Institute of Management (IIMs), Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) and Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IIST).
- (iii) Remedial Coaching is given to SC/ST/OBC (Non-creamy layer) and Minority Community Students to improve their knowledge, academic skills and linguistic proficiency.
- (iv) To facilitate the Students from SC/ST/OBC and rural areas, Textbooks for even professional courses like Engineering and Law are being translated in Indian languages. Some Universities have started imparting Engineering courses in Indian languages.
