

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO -112**  
ANSWERED ON - 13/12/2023

**FUND ALLOCATION FOR OBC WELFARE**

112 SHRI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE PILLI

Will the MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of allocation made to OBCs during the last three years and the current financial year;
- (b) whether Government is considering any Special Component Plan for OBC welfare ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)

- (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**Statement referred to in reply to the part (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.112 to be answered on 13.12.2023 regarding "Fund allocation for OBC Welfare" asked by Shri Subhas Chandra Bose Pilli**

- a A statement indicating the details of Fund allocation for OBC welfare is placed at Annexure I
- b to (d) Government has taken various welfare measures for the welfare of Other Backward Classes. The Schemes implemented by the Government are given in Annexure-II.

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**Annexure referred in reply to Part (a) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 112 for 13.12.2023**

**Revised Estimate for last 3 years for OBC Welfare Schemes (Rs. in Cr)**

<b>Name of Scheme</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
	<b>REVISED ESTIMATE</b>	<b>REVISED ESTIMATE</b>	<b>REVISED ESTIMATE</b>	<b>REVISED ESTIMATE</b>
Pre-Matric Scholarship	175.00	250.00	394.61	281.00
Post-Matric Scholarship	1100.00	1300.00	1083.00	1087.00
Top Class School*	-	-	83.39	100.00
Top Class College**	-	-	-	90.00
Construction of Hostel	35.00	30.00	20.00	30.00
National Fellowship	45.00	60.00	53.00	57.00
Interest subsidy Scheme	35.00	30.00	27.00	29.00
PM DAKSH	21.15	28.42	23.84	148.71
Venture capital funds	10.00	20.00	40.00	22.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1421.15</b>	<b>1718.42</b>	<b>1724.84</b>	<b>1844.71</b>

\*Scheme implemented from 2022-23.

\*\* Implemented from the current year

**Annexure referred in reply to Part (b to d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 112 for 13.12.2023**

**(i) Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students**

The objective of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT students (who are not covered under SC, ST or OBC) is welfare and motivation to the children of these categories by providing financial assistance at pre matriculation or secondary stage.

**(ii) Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students**

The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the OBC, EBC and DNT students studying at post-matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education.

**(iii) Top Class Education in School for OBC, EBC and DNT Students**

The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the OBC, EBC and DNT students studying at post-matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education.

**(iv) Top Class Education in College for OBC, EBC and DNT Students**

The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the OBC, EBC and DNT students studying at post-matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education in premium Institutes.

**(v) Construction of Hostel for OBC Boys and Girls**

The Scheme aims at providing hostel facilities to students belonging to socially and educationally backward classes, especially from rural areas, to enable them to pursue secondary and higher education. Priority will be given for the proposals for construction of hostels for under-graduate students vis-a-vis below under-graduate level.

**(vi) National Fellowship for OBC Students:**

The scheme is designed to provide a total number of 1000 Junior Research Fellowships per year to undertake advanced studies and research leading to M.Phil. /Ph.D. Degrees, who have qualified in the following tests:

- National Eligibility Test ) – Junior Research Fellowship (NET-JRF) of UGC (for Humanities/Social Sciences) or
- UGC-Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (UGC-CSIR) NET-JRF Joint Test (for Sciences)

(vii) Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs):

This is a Central Sector Scheme to provide interest subsidy to the student belonging to the OBCs and EBCs on the interest payable for the period of moratorium for the Education Loans for overseas studies to pursue approved courses of studies abroad at Masters, M.Phil. and Ph.D. level.

(viii) Pradhan Mantri Daksha Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi (PM DAKSH) Scheme:-

The main objective of the Scheme is to provide high quality skills to candidates of age group 18-45 belonging to socially, educationally and economically marginalized sections of the society including OBCs through trailing institutes/partners.

(ix) Venture Capital Fund

The Venture Capital Fund (VCF-BC), a social sector initiative was launched in April, 2018 to promote entrepreneurship among the Backward Class in India. Initially a Capital of ₹ 145.03 crore, was provided for the purpose and is being supplemented every year. As per the guidelines of the scheme, preference is given on technology oriented innovative projects. The present corpus of VCF-BC is ₹ 145.03 crore with ₹ 139.58 Crore contributed by Government of India and ₹ 5.45 Crore contributed by IFCI Ltd. The total disbursements under the fund till 01.12.2023 are Rs. **28.63 crore** benefitting **10** companies.

(x) Credit assistance to OBCs for income generating activities by National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) :-

The Corporation promotes economic and developmental activities for the target population through concessional loans and skilling activities. The concessional lending is the major activity of the Corporation which is undertaken through State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) and Banks (Channel Partners). The Corporation has an authorized share capital of Rs.1500 Crore against which the Ministry has so far released Rs.1499.40 Crore. The loan assets of the Corporation as on 30.11.2023 stood at Rs. 2083.78 Crore.

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