

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
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SUPPORT TO STUDENTS FROM MARGINALIZED AND EWS COMMUNITIES

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

- (a) the details and outcome of the schemes and initiatives implemented by Government to support the education and welfare of students from marginalized and EWS communities;
- (b) the challenges and opportunities associated with providing comprehensive educational support to students from marginalized and EWS communities;
- (c) whether Government proposes to initiate more schemes for overall development of students from marginalized and EWS communities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI A. NARAYANASWAMY)

(a) to (d) The focus of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE) is on the welfare of the poorest households of the socially, educationally and economically marginalized sections of the society including Scheduled Castes (SCs), Other Backward Classes, Senior Citizens, Victims of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Transgender Persons, Beggars, De-notified and Nomadic Tribes (DNTs), Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) and Economically Weaker Section (EWS). This Department is implementing several Schemes for their welfare on Pan India basis which also includes Support to students from marginalized and EWS communities. The details of the schemes-wise fund allocation /utilized are in **Annexure-I**.

Further, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing below mentioned schemes to promote and encourage basic and higher education amongst ST population. The details of funds released under these schemes are in **Annexure-II**.

- i. Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students (Class IX and X)
- ii. Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students (Class XI and above)
- iii. National Fellowship Scheme for Higher Education for ST students.
- iv. National Scholarship Scheme for Higher Education for ST students.
- v. National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for ST students.
- vi. Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS)
- vii. Grant in aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of STS

Annexure-I

Annexure as referred to in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1247 due for answer on 13.12.2023

Scheme wise Allocated Fund & Expenditure for 2021-22 and 2022-23

(Rs. in crore)

S.No.	Programme/Schemes	2021-22		2022-23	
		Allocated Fund	Expenditure	Allocated Fund	Expenditure
Schemes					
1	Post Matric Scholarship for SCs	4196.59	1978.56	5660.00	4392.50
2	SHREYAS Scheme (National Fellowship, National Overseas Scholarships, Top Class Education, Free Coaching)				
	National Fellowship for SCs	125.00	122.44	159.00	114.25
	National Overseas Scholarship for SCs	35.00	49.07	50.00	75.44
	Top Class Education for SCs	70.00	84.72	108.00	85.67
	Free Coaching for SCs	30.00	14.98	27.00	18.41
	Total SHREYAS Scheme	260.00	271.21	344.00	293.77
3	PM AJAY	1800.00	1820.32	1062.39	164.00
4	Strengthening of machinery for Enforcement of Protection of Civil Right Act 1955 and Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989	600.00	610.11	500.00	390.85
5	Scheme of Residential Education for Students in High School in Targeted Area (SRESHTA)	63.21	38.04	89.00	51.01
6	Pre Matric Scholarship for SCs and Others	725.00	570.39	500.00	208.62
7	Venture Capital Funds for SCs	70.00	70.00	70.00	35.00
8	PM DAKSH Yojana SC Component	38.94	33.21	40.00	8.90
9	PM YASASVI (OBCs/EBCs/DNTs)				
	Post Matric Scholarship for OBCs/EBCs	1300.00	1319.96	1083.00	1007.04
	Pre Matric Scholarship for OBCs	250.00	218.46	394.61	361.13
	Boys and Girls Hostel for OBCs	30.00	18.76	20.00	18.80
10	SHREYAS (OBCs)				
	National Fellowship for OBCs	60.00	55.55	53.00	51.32
	Interest Subsidy on Overseas Studies of OBCs	30.00	26.70	27.00	24.05
11	Venture Capital Fund for Backward Classes	20.00	20.00	40.00	10.00
12	PM DAKSH Yojana OBC Component	40.54	35.02	44.00	6.04

Annexure-II

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Scheme wise Allocated Fund & Expenditure for 2021-22 and 2022-23**(Rs. in crore)**

Sr. No.	Name of the scheme	Funds released during financial year 2021-22	Funds released during financial year 2022-23
1	Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students	358.73	356.45
2	Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students	222.76	193.62
3	National Fellowship Scheme for Higher Education for ST students	84.83	110.52
4	National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for ST students	4.95	4.00
5	National Scholarship Scheme for Higher Education for ST students	35.17	34.48
6	Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS)	1057.74	1999.90
7	Grant in aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of STS	89.25	109.25
