

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1958**  
ANSWERED ON- 20/12/2023

**ASSISTANCE TO THE STUDENTS APPLYING FOR FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIP**

1958 SHRI HARBHAJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any scheme to provide assistance to the students applying for foreign scholarship and higher education so as to provide equal opportunities to each student in getting foreign scholarship;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has set up any centres in the States to provide assistance to such students applying for foreign scholarship;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Punjab?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (e) The Ministry of Education provides financial aid to Indian students for higher studies in India. Moreover, based on requests received from friendly foreign countries/institutions, the Ministry of Education disseminates information on scholarships offered by such donor countries for Indian students of all the States and Union Territories to study abroad. The details are available on the Ministry's website <https://www.education.gov.in/pm-usp-scholarships-education-loan> . The details of the schemes and programmes being implemented by different Ministries under which financial assistance is provided to meritorious students for pursuing higher education abroad are available in following websites:

Sl. No.	Ministry	Name of Schemes & Programmes	Website links
1.	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Castes, Denotified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes, Landless Agricultural Labourers and Traditional Artisans category	<a href="https://socialjustice.gov.in/schemes/28">https://socialjustice.gov.in/schemes/28</a>
2.	Ministry of Tribal Affairs	National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Tribe Students	<a href="https://overseas.tribal.gov.in/">https://overseas.tribal.gov.in/</a>
3.	Ministry of Science & Technology	Overseas Visiting Doctoral Fellowship Programme	<a href="https://www.serbonline.in/SERB/ovdf">https://www.serbonline.in/SERB/ovdf</a>

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