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Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

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QUESTION
NEC Scholarships to students of the North-East

2107. Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tasa:

Will the Minister of Development of North Eastern Region be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government supports students of the North-East with North Eastern Council (NEC) Scholarships for higher education purposes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that due to lack of time and technical coordination the students are not getting stipends for the full period of their higher studies; and
- (d) if so, the details of applications received since 2020-23 to as-on-date and sanctioned in various categories of subjects, State-wise?

ANSWER
The Minister of State of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
[Shri B. L. Verma]

(a) & (b) Government of India through North Eastern Council (NEC) provides scholarships to the students of the North Eastern Region for higher and professional education. These scholarships are available on merit basis. The merit lists are drawn from among verified applications on the basis of marks obtained by the candidates in the qualifying exams following the laid down procedure on the National Scholarship Portal. The present rate of scholarship for related Subjects/Courses at different levels is as under :

Level of Study	Scholarship amount for fresh and renewal cases (existing students)
Graduate	Rs. 22,000/- per annum
Post Graduate	Rs. 25,000/- per annum
M.Phil/Ph. D	Rs. 30,000/- per annum
Diploma	Rs. 20,000/- per annum

(c) The disbursement of the scholarships is being made through DBT portal with effect from the year 2021-22 and there have been instances of delay due to switch over to the new system of disbursement which has now been streamlined and the system is running smoothly.

(d) A total of 27,726 applications were received during the period from 2020-21 to 2022-23 of which a total of 4756 cases have been selected. The State-wise break up of the number of candidates selected in various categories during the period of 2020-21 to 2022-23 is given in the table below :

Sl. No.	State	Number of candidates selected course-wise				
		Graduate	Post Graduate	M.Phil/Ph.D	Diploma	Total
1	Arunachal Pradesh	103	47	3	11	164
2	Assam	1206	397	54	218	1875
3	Manipur	644	238	37	69	988
4	Meghalaya	133	114	4	14	265
5	Mizoram	61	36	1	2	100
6	Nagaland	50	40	2	1	93
7	Sikkim	81	91	0	5	177
8	Tripura	722	238	4	130	1094
	Total	3000	1201	105	450	4756
