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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
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NATIONAL OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

1097. SHRI BEEDHA MASTHAN RAO YADAV

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

- (a) the salient features of the National Overseas Scholarship Scheme;
- (b) the number of students who were awarded scholarship in 2021-22;
- (c) whether it is a fact that in the past six years, only about 50-70 students have been awarded these scholarships; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial measures taken to ensure better coverage of beneficiaries under the scheme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme is a Central Sector Scheme to facilitate the low income students belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Denotified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes, Landless Agricultural Labourers and Traditional Artisans category to obtain higher education such as Master's degree, Ph. D courses by studying abroad.

Under NOS Scheme, each Selection Year 125 fresh candidates are selected subject to availability of funds. Out of the 125 Candidates who are awarded scholarship, 115 are for Scheduled Castes candidates, 06 for Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes and 04 are for Landless Agricultural Labourers candidates and Traditional Artisans. 30% of the scholarships for each year are earmarked for female candidates.

To qualify under NOS Scheme, candidates should have secured at least 60% marks or equivalent grade in the qualifying examination, the candidates total family income from all sources should be less than Rs. 8.00 lakh per annum in the preceding financial year, the candidate should be less than 35 years age on first April of the selection year and have an unconditional offer of admission from top 500 QS ranked foreign University as per the latest QS rankings.

(b) In the Selection Year 2021-22, 125 students have been selected, out of which 98 students have proceeded for study abroad availing scholarship under NOS Scheme.

(c) & (d) During last 6 selection years, 675 students have been selected, out of which 457 students have proceeded for study abroad availing scholarship under NOS Scheme.
