

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1186
ANSWERED ON- 01/08/2024

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN OF INDIAN DIASPORA

1186. SHRI NARHARI AMIN

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to provide more scholarships to the children of Indian diaspora children since 2019; and
- (b) the performance of the same?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a) Since 2006-07, Ministry has been offering scholarships to Indian Diaspora Youth, including children of Indian emigrant workers in ECR countries under its 'Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children' (SPDC) to enable them to pursue Undergraduate courses in Indian Universities/Institutions and to promote India as a center of excellence for higher studies. Under the SPDC Scheme, financial assistance of upto \$4000 is provided for undergraduate courses in professional and non-professional disciplines. Since 2015-16, the number of scholarships has been increased from 100 to 150 per academic year. Ministry has no proposal to increase the number of scholarships at this juncture.

(b) All seats under the Programme have been fully utilized in the past years.
