

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -302  
ANSWERED ON - 24/07/2024

**SHREYAS SCHEME IN ANDRA PRADESH**

302. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY

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

- (a) whether SHREYAS scheme has been successful in empowering students from Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) since 2014;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there are beneficiaries of this scheme in Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the details of last five years;
- (e) whether the scheme has been able to provide quality education for SCs, free coaching for SCs and OBCs and national fellowships for SCs; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) & (b) Yes. Two Schemes namely (i) Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS) for SCs and (ii) Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS) for OBCs and EBCs are run by this Department. Under the Scheme of SHREYAS for SCs, an expenditure of Rs. 2708.64 crore has been incurred for 97,928 beneficiaries from 2014-15 to 2023-24. Under the Scheme of SHREYAS for OBCs and EBCs, an expenditure of Rs. 585.02 crore has been incurred for 38,011 beneficiaries from 2014-15 to 2023-24.

(c) & (d) Yes. In last five years 2,780 beneficiaries under SHREYAS SCs and 4,376 beneficiaries under SHREYAS OBCs and EBCs have been benefited from the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(e) & (f) Yes. In order to facilitate Quality Education, under the Top Class Education for SCs, a Sub-Scheme of SHREYAS for SCs, scholarship is provided to SC students for study in 266 top class Higher Education Institutions in the country such as, IITs/IITs/IIMs/AIIMS etc.

Similarly, under Sub Scheme National Overseas Scholarship for SCs, scholarship is provided to 125 students every year for study in top 500 QS Ranking Institutions/ Universities abroad.

Under Sub Scheme National Fellowship for SCs, 2000 fellowship are provided every year to SC Students for Ph.D. in India. These 2000 slots are over and above the number of SC students selected under the normal reservation policy of the Government for UGC Fellowships.

Sub Scheme of Free Coaching for SCs and OBCs, is being implemented through empaneled Central Universities for 3500 economically disadvantaged Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) candidates every year with an objective of empowering them to appear in competitive examinations and for obtaining jobs in Public / Private Sector or for securing admissions in reputed technical and professional higher education institutions.

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