

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -1891  
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**SANCTIONED AND ALLOCATED BUDGET FOR HIMACHAL PRADESH**

1891. # SHRI HARSH MAHAJAN

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

- (a) the budget sanctioned and allocated for the State of Himachal Pradesh by Government under the schemes run by the Ministry during the last two years, the details thereof, headwise;
- (b) whether the State of Himachal Pradesh has submitted the utilization certificates after expenditure under all the schemes, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government monitors the accounts of budget provided by it under various heads, if so, details thereof, if not, reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) & (b) The details of the budget sanctioned and allocated for the State of Himachal Pradesh by Department of Social Justice and Empowerment under some of the schemes where funds have been released during the last two years are as under: -

**Integrated Programme for Senior Citizen (IPSrC):** An amount of Rs. 38.12 lakh was released to 02 NGOs in Himachal Pradesh.

**State Action Plan for Senior Citizen (SAPSrC):** No funds were sanctioned to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for FY 2022-23 & 2023-24 because of pending Utilization Certificate from the State Government.

**Rastriya Vayoshree Yojana (RVY):** One distribution camp was organized at Sundarnagar district, Himachal Pradesh wherein an amount of Rs. 12.31 lakh was utilized by the Implementing Agency for providing aids and assisted living devices to the senior citizens.

**Elderline:** An expenditure of Rs. 0.96 Cr. was made towards operation of Elderline in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

**Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students (PMS-SC):** Approved Central Share for FY 2022-23 was Rs. 27.18 Cr and for FY 2023-24, it was 22.38 Cr.

**Pre Matric Scholarship Scheme for SCs & Others:** Approved Central Share for FY 2022-23 was Rs. 5.82 Cr and for FY 2023-24, it was Rs. 4.00 Cr.

**Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for OBC, EBC and DNT Students and Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for OBC, EBC and DNT students studying in India:** The details of the budget sanctioned and allocated during the last two years and details of utilization certificates are at Annexure.

Under the SAPSrC component, the Utilization Certificate for an amount of Rs. 75.00 lakh for FY 2019-20 is pending on the State Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Under Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SCs, the State Government has not submitted the Utilization Certificate of Rs. 27 lakh in respect of Administrative Expenses for the year 2022-23.

(c) To ensure effective implementation and monitoring of key social welfare schemes, this department holds State-wise review meetings / cluster meetings / National Conferences etc. regularly to monitor implementation of the schemes.

Online end to end processing, verification of eligibility credentials through online transaction is done to ensure greater transparency, control duplicity and wrongful claims by institutions.

The Central share of the schemes being released directly into the Aadhaar - seeded bank account of the students through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

A Projects Monitoring Unit (PMU) has also been set up in the Department. The Department also undertakes periodic review of the implementation of the schemes through third party evaluation studies.

To ensure timely release, the system of State Nodal Agency (SNA) & Central Nodal Agency (CNA) have been adopted which ensure release of scholarship/fellowship to scholars.

Further, Audited Account Reports and Utilization Certificates, as per the provisions of General Financial Rules (GFR) are also sought before releasing the next instalments of the funds in the schemes.

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## Annexure

Details of Funds allocation funds release and utilization for the State of Himachal Pradesh (Rs.in lakh)							
S.No	Sub-Scheme	2022-23			2023-24		
		National Allocation	Amount Sanctioned/ released	Whether Utilization Certificate received	Notional Allocation	Amount Sanctioned/released	Whether Utilization Certificate received
1	Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC EBC and DNT Students	201.00	480.24	Yes	56.00	403.20	No
2	Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC,EBC and DNT Students Studying in India	560.00	1057.15	Yes	216.00	1100.71	Yes

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