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MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
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**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SC/ST STUDENTS IN ODISHA**

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

- (a) the details of specific scholarship schemes available for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) students in Odisha;
- (b) the number of students who have benefited from these scholarship schemes in each of the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) the total amount disbursed under these scholarship schemes for SC/ST students in the State of Odisha during the same period, year-wise; and
- (d) the initiatives undertaken to enhance awareness and accessibility of these scholarships among eligible students?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE) implements following Schemes for providing scholarships to Scheduled Caste (SC) students in the country including Odisha:-

- (i) Pre-matric scholarships Scheme for SCs & Others (Component 1)
- (ii) Post-matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students (PMS-SC)
- (iii) Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers (SHREYAS) for Scheduled Castes (SCs), which comprises of 4 sub-Schemes namely:
  - (1) Top Class Scholarship Scheme for SC students (TCS);
  - (2) Free Coaching Scheme for SC and OBC students (FCS)
  - (3) National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Castes etc. (NOS) and;
  - (4) National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste students (NFSC).

Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements following Schemes for providing scholarships to Scheduled Tribe (ST) students in the country including Odisha:-

- (i) Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students.
- (ii) Post Matric Scholarship for ST students.
- (iii) National Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students (Top Class)
- (iv) National Fellowship for ST students(NFST)
- (v) National Overseas Scholarship for ST students.

(b) & (c) The details of number of students and total amount disbursed under the above mentioned SC and ST scholarship Schemes in the State of Odisha during last three years, is attached as annexure.

(d) Both the Centrally sponsored schemes of Post Matric & Pre Matric Scholarship Schemes for SCs are implemented by the State Govts./UT Administrations which undertake Awareness drives/campaigns/outreach efforts to extend the coverage under these Schemes. Furthermore, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment publishes regular advertisements through National & Local Newspapers to increase awareness among students and also carries out social media campaigns to maximize coverage under the aforementioned Schemes.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs issues advertisement of National Fellowship and National overseas Scholarship in print media. The States also make ST students aware about Centrally Sponsored Schemes and help students in preparation of basic documents like Aadhaar, Bank account, Caste certificate etc. so as to enable students to take benefit under the Schemes. All Universities and Institutes under Top Class Scholarship Scheme and National Fellowship Scheme are requested to make students aware about the Scheme and encourage them to apply when the portal is open.

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## ANNEXURE

i. Pre-matric scholarships scheme for SCs & Others:

Year	Central Share released (Rs. in Cr)	Beneficiaries
2021-22	28.76	92329
2022-23	6.45	29047
2023-24	7.08	31486

ii. Post-matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students (PMS-SC):

Year	Central Share released (Rs. in Cr)	Beneficiaries
2021-22	78.22	75530
2022-23	338.33	299369
2023-24	127.44	143861

iii. Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers for Scheduled Castes (SHREYAS SCs : Being Central Sector Scheme, funds are not allocated State-wise. Therefore, no state-wise data are maintained in respect of any of these Sub-Schemes under SHREYAS SCs.

iv. Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students:

Year	Central Share released (Rs. in lakh)	Beneficiaries
2021-22	6262.08	135053
2022-23	3745.22	79525
2023-24	5228.08	113788

v. Post Matric Scholarship for ST students:

Year	Central Share released (Rs. in lakh)	Beneficiaries
2021-22	31029.59	207678
2022-23	31104.91	204172
2023-24	32211.51	201231

vi. The following schemes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs are Central Sector Schemes and State-wise funds are not allocated under these scheme: National Overseas Scholarship for ST students, National Fellowship for ST students (NFST), National Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students (Top Class).

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