

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
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OBC SCHOLARSHIP IN RAIGAD DISTRICT AND KONKAN REGION

2697.# SHRI DHAIRYASHIL MOHAN PATIL

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

- (a) the number of universities and colleges in Raigad district and Konkan region claimed OBC scholarship in the last three years;
- (b) the number of OBC students from Raigad district and Konkan region who have availed the benefit of scholarship during this period;
- (c) the total amount allocated in Raigad and Konkan region under OBC Scholarship Scheme; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to ensure timely distribution of scholarships and raise awareness about the scheme in Raigad district and the Konkan region?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) to (c) The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing the following Schemes to support students belonging to Other Backward Class (OBC), Economically Backward Class (EBC) and De-notified Tribe, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Communities (DNT) for studying in the Universities and Colleges across India, including states of Maharashtra and Goa:

- (i) Post- Matric Scholarships for OBC, EBC and DNT Students Studying in India
- (ii) Top Class Education in Colleges for OBC, EBC and DNT students
- (iii) National Fellowship for OBC Students

District-wise data is not maintained by the Department. The details of funds released and number of students availing the benefits from these Schemes during last three years in Maharashtra and Goa are as below:

Maharashtra

Year	Post- Matric Scholarships for OBC, EBC and DNT Students Studying in India		Top Class Education in Colleges for OBC, EBC and DNT students		National Fellowship for OBC Students	
	Fund released (Rs.in lakh)	No. of students	Fund released (Rs.in lakh)	No. of students	Fund released (Rs. in lakh)	No. of students
2021-22	23699.50	5.30 lakh	*	*	271.30	72
2022-23	6921.12	5.45 lakh	*	*	177.74	56
2023-24	0.00^	0.00	1000.39	325	221.28	51

* Scheme implemented from the year 2023-24

^ Proposal not received from State Government

Goa

Year	Post- Matric Scholarships for OBC, EBC and DNT Students Studying in India		Top Class Education in Colleges for OBC, EBC and DNT students		National Fellowship for OBC Students	
	Fund released (Rs. in lakh)	No. of students	Fund released (Rs. in lakh)	No. of students	Fund released (Rs. in lakh)	No. of students
2021-22	17.00	.0015 lakh	*	*	48.46	10
2022-23	172.06	.0072 lakh	*	*	24.58	9
2023-24	27.31	.0090 lakh	2.896	3	31.09	7

* Scheme implemented from the year 2023-24

(d) The steps taken by Government to ensure timely distribution of scholarships and raise awareness about the schemes across India including Raigad district and the Konkan region of Maharashtra and Goa are as follows:

- i. The States/UTs are advised to run the Schemes on an online platform (National Scholarship Portal/State Scholarship Portals) with robust security measures that would assure, transparency, accountability, efficiency and timely delivery of the assistance without any delays.
- ii. Regular Hand holding meetings/workshops/video conferences with States/UTs are held.
- iii. Online end to end processing, verification of eligibility credentials through online transaction to ensure greater transparency, control duplicity and wrongful claims by institutions on National Scholarship Portal.
- iv. Central share being released directly into the Aadhaar - seeded bank account of the students through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in case of Central Sector Schemes.

v. For the successful implementation of Schemes, steps like mandatory annual inspections are undertaken by the Department, mandatory submission of utilization Certificate and periodic review by holding meeting at National level, Regional level and State level and field visits by Senior Officers.

vi. A Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) has also been set up in the Department to undertake periodic review of the implementation of Schemes through third party evaluation studies.

vii. Further, to ensure timely release, the system of State Nodal Agency (SNA) and Central Nodal Agency (CNA) have been adopted.
