

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
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EMPOWERING SIKLIGAR COMMUNITY

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government for economic empowerment of the financially disadvantaged Sikligar community;
- (b) the details of programmes, educational, and vocational training initiatives being run for the Sikligar community, if any; and
- (c) whether Government has carried out an assessment of the socio-economic condition of Sikligar Sikhs or not, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) & (b): Department of Social Justice and Empowerment implements a scheme for the welfare and Economic Empowerment of De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Communities (DNTs) called Scheme for Economic Empowerment of DNTs (SEED), which includes free coaching, health insurance, housing and livelihood initiatives.

Apart from the SEED Scheme, to support the education and welfare of DNT students, the Department has been implementing Umbrella Scheme of PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India (PM-YASASVI) covering schemes of

- i. Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarships for OBC, EBC and DNT Students.
- ii. Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarships for OBC, EBC and DNT Students.
- iii. Central Sector Scheme of Top Class Education in Schools for OBC, EBC and DNT Students.
- iv. Central Sector Scheme of Top Class Education in Colleges for OBC, EBC and DNT Students.

The National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme is available for six DNT students for pursuing higher education abroad.

These schemes are available to all DNT communities and there is no specific scheme for a specific community within the DNT communities. The Sikligar community being a DNT community is also eligible for the benefits under these schemes.

(c): No such study has been carried out by this Department on this community.
