

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2111
ANSWERED ON 19/03/2025

**SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES TO PROMOTE HIGHER EDUCATION AMONG OBC
GROUPS**

2111. SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) The details of the Post matric scholarships scheme to promote Other Backward Class (OBC) students to pursue higher education in the country as well as abroad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the criteria laid down for scholarship, Scheme-wise;
- (c) whether the said schemes is functioning properly for OBC and, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) Government proposals to start more scholarship schemes for Indian students for pursuing higher studies in the country as well as abroad; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (e): The Government is implementing different scholarships schemes for providing financial assistance to all categories of students including students belonging to the Other Backward Classes (OBC), subject to extant scheme guidelines. The Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for OBC, EBC and DNT students is implemented by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DSJE), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE). As per information provided by DSJE, the DSJE is implementing the PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India (PM-YASASVI) comprising of component schemes namely, Post Matric Scholarship and Top-Class College Education, to promote OBC, EBC and DNT students to pursue higher education in the country. In addition, the Department of Higher

Education (DHE) implements the Pradhan Mantri Uchchar Shiksha Protsahan (PM-USP) Yojana under which students pursuing higher education in India, including OBC students get scholarships as per Scheme guidelines. The details of these schemes including the criteria laid down for scholarship and physical and financial achievements may be accessed at https://www.education.gov.in/parl_ques.

ANNEXURE

Annexure as referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2111 for 19.03.2025 asked by Shri Ryaga Krishnaiah regarding 'Scholarship Schemes to Promote Higher Education among OBC Groups'

1. Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students Studying in India: Scholarships will be given for the study of all recognized post-matriculation or post secondary courses pursued in recognized Institutions / Universities/ Colleges. Parents/guardians income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakh per annum. Details of achievements during last year under the scheme are as under:

Year	Financial Achievements (₹Cr)	Physical Achievements (in lakh)
2023-24	988.05	32.73

2. Top Class Education in College for OBC, EBC and DNT Students (launched in 2023-24): The Scheme will operate in all the institutions notified by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for every financial year. All the IIMs / IITs/ IIITs / AIIMS/ NITs/NIFTs/ NIDs/ Indian Institutes of Hotel Management, National Law Universities and other Central Government Institutions will be eligible to be included in the Scheme. Parents/guardians income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakh per annum. Details of achievements during last year under the scheme are as under:

Year	Financial Achievements (₹ Cr)	Physical Achievements (in number)
2023-24	111.18	4762

3. PM-USP Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students: Under the scheme, financial assistance in the form of scholarships is provided to poor and meritorious students for pursuing higher education. Students who are in top 20th percentile of successful candidates in class XII and having family income of up to ₹ 4.5 lakh per annum, are eligible to apply. In a year, 82,000 fresh scholarship slots are available. These have been divided amongst the State Education Boards based on the State's population in the age group of 18-25 years. 50% scholarship slots are earmarked for the girl students. Central Reservation Policy is being followed under the scheme 15% seats are earmarked for SCs, 7.5% for STs and 27 % for OBCs and 5% horizontal reservation for students with Benchmark Disabilities as per schematic norms. The scheme is covered under the DBT w.e.f. 1.1.2013 wherein the scholarship is disbursed directly into the bank account of beneficiaries. CSSS has on-boarded the National Scholarship portal (www.scholarships.gov.in) with effect from 1.8.2015. Details of achievements during last year under the scheme are as under:

Year	Total		OBC	
	Amount Disbursed (₹ Cr)	Number of Scholarships	Amount Disbursed (₹ Cr)	Number of Scholarships
2023-24	217.26	169790	114.10	90441

4. PM-USP Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh: This scheme is exclusively for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (SSS for J&K and Ladakh) only and aims at encouraging the youth from Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh to pursue higher education outside these UTs, to enhance their skills which would provide them an opportunity, to interact with their counterparts from the rest of the country, and helping them become a part of the mainstream. 5000 fresh scholarships are provided every year (2070 for General Degree Courses, 2830 for Professional Courses and 100 for Medical Courses). Reservation Policy as prescribed by the UT of J&K is adopted under the scheme i.e. 8% earmarked for Scheduled Castes, 20% for Scheduled Tribes and 22% for Socially and Economically Backward Classes (SEBC), 10% for Economically & Weaker Sections (EWSs) and horizontal reservation for students with Benchmark Disabilities as per schematic norms. The scheme is covered under the DBT wherein the scholarship is disbursed directly into the bank account of beneficiaries. The students are required to apply online on the AICTE web portal – www.aicte-jk-scholarship.in/. Details of achievements during last year under the scheme are as under:

Year	Total		GEN+ SEBC	
	Amount Released by Ministry to AICTE for disbursal(₹ Cr)	Number of Scholarships	Amount Released by Ministry to AICTE for disbursal(₹ Cr)	Number of Scholarships
2023-24	200	11887	155	9059