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SCHOLARSHIP TO SC / OBC STUDENTS IN TAMIL NADU

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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 SC and OBC students in the country, with particular reference to Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the number of students benefited from these scholarships in the State of Tamil Nadu, during the last three years, and the amount disbursed, year-wise and district-wise;
- (c) whether Government has taken initiatives to enhance awareness and accessibility of these scholarships among eligible students; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) The details of scholarship schemes available for SC and OBC students, implemented by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment are as follows:

1. Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SCs & Others
2. Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SC Students
3. Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers for Scheduled Castes (SHREYAS-SCs): Under this Scheme, there are 4 components which are as follows:

- i. Top Class Scholarship Scheme for SC students (TCS)
- ii. Free Coaching Scheme for SC and OBC students (FCS)
- iii. National Overseas Scholarship (NOS)
- iv. National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste students (NFSC)

4. PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India for OBCs and Others (PM-YASASVI for OBCs and Others): Under this Scheme, there are 4 components, which are as follows:

- i. Pre-Matric Scholarships for OBC, EBC and DNT Students
- ii. Post- Matric Scholarships for OBC, EBC and DNT Students Studying in India
- iii. Top Class Education in Schools for OBC, EBC and DNT Students
- iv. Top Class Education in Colleges for OBC, EBC and DNT students

5. Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS for OBCs and Others): National Fellowship for OBC Students

6. Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA)

- i. Mode - 1, every year 3,000 meritorious SC students are selected through the National Entrance Test (NETS) conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) for admission in class 9th and 11th in private residential schools affiliated by CBSE/State Boards. Financial assistance is provided till completion of their study upto class 12th
- ii. Mode - 2, financial assistance is provided to organisations for running the projects of Non-Residential schools, Residential schools and Hostels at Primary & secondary level for sc students.

(b) The details of students from Tamil Nadu who have benefited from these scholarships in the, during the last three years, and the amount disbursed, year-wise and district-wise are as follows:

Details in regard of Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SCs & Others; and Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SC Students is placed at Annexure-I.

Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to the beneficiaries under the scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship scheme for SCs and others started w.e.f. 2022-23. Thus, District-wise details of beneficiaries prior to introduction of DBT i.e. for 2021-22 is not maintained by the Department.

The umbrella Scheme of Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers for Scheduled Castes (SHREYAS-SCs), is a central sector scheme. Therefore, there is no State-wise/district-wise distribution under the Scheme.

As regards, PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India for OBCs and Others (PM-YASASVI for OBCs and Others) and; Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS for OBCs and Others)-National Fellowship for OBC Students, the details of number of students benefited from these scholarships in the State of Tamil Nadu, during last three years, and the amount disbursed, year-wise is at Annexure-II. District-wise data is not maintained under these Schemes.

As regards Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA), scholarship is not provided to SC students. However, in Mode-I, fee is reimbursed to private residential schools for admission of SC students in class 9th and 11th for completion of education till class 12th. Details of funds released during the last three years in the State of Tamil Nadu is at Annexure-III.

(c) & (d) Following steps are being taken to enhance awareness and accessibility to these scholarships among eligible students.

(I) For Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SCs & Others; and Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SC Students

i. Regular capacity building and Handholding/cluster/regional meetings and/or workshops for all States/UTs are conducted to review the progress of the States as well as to resolve any pending issues.

ii. Advertisement to promote outreach and increase awareness:

- Scheme snippets are being uploaded on social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram).
- Classified advertisements are being published in National and regional newspapers in Hindi, English and regional languages.

iii. Field visits: Officials dealing with Post-Matric Scholarships scheme for SC Students visit various institutes in the States to understand their concerns.

iv. Monthly review of Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SC Students: This Department monitors and reviews the progress of the implementation of the Schemes on monthly basis State wise.

(II) For Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers for Scheduled Castes (SHREYAS-SCs):-

i. Twitter & Facebook Campaigns

ii. Newspaper Advertisements in both National and Regional Newspapers all over India

iii. The details of the Scheme are available on the website of the Department. Apart from this the features of the Scheme are also broadcasted through radio channels of All India Radio in the programme 'Sawarati Jaye Jeewan ki Rahen'.

iv. Letters have been written to Principal Secretaries of States/UTS to disseminate information regarding these Schemes in their States/UTS.

(III) For PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India for OBCs and Others (PM-YASASVI for OBCs and Others) and; Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS for OBCs and Others)-National Fellowship for OBC Students

i. Regular Hand holding meetings/workshops for National Scholarship Portal (NSP) on boarded States/UT

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

iii. 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.

iv. For the successful implementation of the schemes, steps like mandatory annual inspection 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.

v. A Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) has also been set up in the Department.

vi. The Department also undertakes periodic review of the implementation of the scheme through third party evaluation studies, the studies have found that these schemes are achieving desired objectives and have recommended their continuation.

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

Statement referred to part (b) of reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2190 for answer on 19.03.2025

FY2021-22: Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SCs & Others

	No. of beneficiaries	Central Share Amount Paid
Total	3238399	570.18

FY2021-22: Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SC Students

District name	No. of Beneficiaries	Central Share Amount Paid
ARIYALUR	6,842	3,77,24,490
CHENNAI	30,277	12,89,72,846
COIMBATORE	17,996	18,70,66,720
CUDDALORE	29,683	16,89,46,551
DHARMAPURI	10,379	6,71,27,136
DINDIGUL	13,747	7,85,15,369
ERODE	10,857	8,28,51,539
KANCHIPURAM	30,576	24,92,60,614
KANNIYAKUMARI (HQ: NAGERC)	2,926	3,07,48,482
KARUR	7,224	5,27,64,079
KRISHNAGIRI	7,713	3,72,27,523
MADURAI	15,441	8,43,09,358
NAGAPATTINAM	19,156	8,19,45,140
NAMAKKAL	16,340	17,82,50,439
NILGIRIS (HQ: UDHAGAMA)	5,025	1,35,30,858
PERAMBALUR	8,812	7,71,27,405
PUDUKKOTTAI	11,251	7,55,31,206
RAMANATHAPURAM	6,818	2,39,23,547
SALEM	19,832	12,28,04,846
SIVAGANGA	8,741	5,72,37,769
THANJAVUR	20,669	12,56,02,176
THENI	7,729	3,25,56,688
THOOTHUKUDI	10,303	5,16,78,879
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI	20,292	15,95,34,105
TIRUNELVELI	16,672	11,52,38,421
TIRUPPUR	9,434	3,96,56,379
TIRUVALLUR	20,432	14,05,50,283
TIRUVANNAMALAI	18,279	8,63,02,586
TIRUVARUR	15,002	4,77,40,914
VELLORE	21,644	10,53,42,171
VILLUPURAM	30,142	14,12,26,152
VIRUDHUNAGAR	11,425	5,38,01,420
Total	4,81,659	2,93,50,96,091

FY2022-23:

District name	Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SC Students		Pre -Matric Scholarships Scheme for SCs & Others	
	No. of Beneficiaries	Central Share Amount Paid	No. of Beneficiaries	Central Share Amount Paid
ARIYALUR	7,397	8,58,04,355	1,737	36,72,900
CHENGALPATTU	11,542	11,06,11,668	3,598	75,55,800
CHENNAI	19,541	15,68,45,077	4,133	87,10,800
COIMBATORE	17,045	35,34,07,810	3,259	69,04,800
CUDDALORE	25,581	32,98,49,306	5,649	1,20,70,800
DHARMAPURI	12,928	18,41,33,211	2,497	53,42,400
DINDIGUL	11,791	16,34,47,689	3,386	71,33,700
ERODE	11,800	17,77,66,727	3,628	76,67,100
KALLAKURICHI	10,092	14,05,49,492	3,071	65,35,200
KANCHIPURAM	23,406	47,23,19,323	2,486	52,89,900
KANNIYAKUMARI (HQ: NAGERC	5,285	12,90,39,615	514	10,87,800
KARUR	6,516	10,18,03,832	1,186	24,90,600
KRISHNAGIRI	8,464	11,84,48,363	1,929	41,81,100
MADURAI	10,950	14,24,94,454	3,553	76,18,800
MAYILADUTHURAI	5,382	6,89,36,086	1,749	36,91,800
NAGAPATTINAM	11,568	16,05,52,329	2,014	42,56,700
NAMAKKAL	24,697	52,67,05,022	2,993	64,00,800
NILGIRIS (HQ: UDHAGAMA	4,443	4,54,56,881	1,409	30,28,200
PERAMBALUR	8,439	13,48,53,583	1,464	30,91,200
PUDUKKOTTAI	15,708	23,17,58,438	2,687	57,58,200
RAMANATHAPURAM	7,192	7,77,94,737	1,544	32,42,400
RANIPET	5,153	6,18,74,278	1,785	37,50,600
SALEM	28,369	41,69,19,767	5,170	1,11,13,200
SIVAGANGA	8,583	10,47,01,228	1,596	33,85,200
TENKASI	6,150	6,77,77,858	1,884	39,66,900
THANJAVUR	17,055	21,25,75,195	2,893	61,92,900
THENI	7,120	8,18,13,944	2,464	51,97,500
THOOTHUKUDI	10,649	12,40,74,408	2,760	59,26,200
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI	21,688	35,27,09,168	3,369	71,14,800
TIRUNELVELI	12,823	22,50,89,786	2,233	47,35,500
TIRUPATHUR	4,125	5,36,81,659	1,503	31,64,700
TIRUPPUR	9,676	11,13,92,580	3,721	78,16,200
TIRUVALLUR	24,323	37,06,55,563	3,761	79,10,700
TIRUVANNAMALAI	23,871	26,05,39,296	4,229	89,90,100
TIRUVARUR	13,468	13,53,49,551	2,901	60,92,100
VELLORE	15,124	21,06,59,842	1,933	40,80,300
VILLUPURAM	23,481	28,42,83,097	4,086	85,89,000
VIRUDHUNAGAR	15,000	17,67,55,798	3,550	74,65,500
Total	5,06,425	7,16,34,31,016	1,04,324	22,12,22,400

FY2023-24:

District name	Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SC Students		Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SCs & Others	
	No. of Beneficiaries	Central Share Amount Paid	No. of Beneficiaries	Central Share Amount Paid
ARIYALUR	8,177	9,78,00,495	4,317	91,26,600
CHENGALPATTU	26,104	38,74,80,458	11,773	2,47,25,400
CHENNAI	34,868	30,76,57,366	16,004	3,36,33,600
COIMBATORE	19,347	30,56,04,623	8,939	1,89,42,000
CUDDALORE	32,064	39,47,51,360	13,257	2,85,54,000
DHARMAPURI	12,772	16,70,59,682	5,933	1,26,14,700
DINDIGUL	19,496	21,39,41,504	8,655	1,82,32,200
ERODE	14,244	14,94,99,355	9,143	1,93,36,800
KALLAKURICHI	16,684	19,90,80,006	11,590	2,45,39,100
KANCHIPURAM	23,147	29,07,73,037	10,555	2,22,97,800
KANNIYAKUMARI (HQ: NAGERC)	7,542	11,77,89,702	3,905	82,21,500
KARUR	10,125	9,48,60,818	5,038	1,06,19,700
KRISHNAGIRI	12,142	11,74,89,253	5,899	1,27,65,900
MADURAI	20,577	17,30,25,219	13,618	2,88,35,100
MAYILADUTHURAI	14,265	11,19,76,160	6,134	1,29,99,000
NAGAPATTINAM	12,563	13,73,62,691	5,410	1,13,79,900
NAMAKKAL	19,455	34,97,15,802	7,114	1,52,46,000
NILGIRIS (HQ: UDHAGAMA)	10,356	6,54,53,835	6,657	1,40,80,500
PERAMBALUR	13,727	14,75,37,569	6,647	1,40,13,300
PUDUKKOTTAI	15,851	19,86,70,495	8,249	1,74,34,200
RAMANATHAPURAM	9,906	8,48,77,542	6,797	1,42,73,700
RANIPET	10,503	11,08,25,859	6,652	1,40,11,200
SALEM	22,494	29,62,61,236	10,832	2,28,79,500
SIVAGANGA	9,734	10,82,26,167	5,341	1,13,26,500
TENKASI	11,318	10,21,06,396	8,195	1,72,26,300
THANJAVUR	21,173	23,54,79,974	8,873	1,88,26,500
THENI	10,248	9,81,38,614	5,463	1,14,93,300
THOOTHUKUDI	11,091	11,83,76,184	6,445	1,37,05,200
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI	26,824	38,61,21,917	10,750	2,27,40,900
TIRUNELVELI	16,552	17,07,30,302	9,534	2,01,09,600
TIRUPATHUR	8,286	8,13,94,393	7,151	1,50,61,200
TIRUPPUR	14,662	11,48,40,408	8,014	1,68,33,600
TIRUVALLUR	26,021	38,98,68,449	11,155	2,34,88,500
TIRUVANNAMALAI	20,243	19,20,66,076	13,507	2,86,34,700
TIRUVARUR	18,765	12,81,04,619	11,692	2,45,53,200
VELLORE	16,525	11,02,05,605	9,931	2,09,53,800
VILLUPURAM	28,074	22,08,45,755	14,090	2,96,05,800
VIRUDHUNAGAR	14,673	14,28,71,198	12,383	2,60,21,100
Total	6,40,598	7,11,88,70,124	3,35,642	70,93,41,900

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Statement referred to part (b) of reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2190 for answer on 19.03.2025

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No	Scheme	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
		Funds released	Beneficiaries	Funds released	Beneficiaries	Funds released	Beneficiaries
1.	Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students	2694.72	4.69 lakh	4419.815	3.05 lakh	4046.52	2.94 lakh
2.	Post- Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students Studying in India	16079.00	4.53 lakh	8297.13	4.53 lakh	13500.00	4.76 lakh
3.	Top Class Education in Schools for OBC, EBC and DNT students	Launched during 2022-23		0.59	2 (actual)	187.81	725 (actual)
4.	Top Class Education in Colleges for OBC, EBC and DNT students	Launched during 2023-24				570.86	150 (actual)
5.	National Fellowship for OBC Students	279.88	59 (actual)	212.42	68 (actual)	384.41	78 (actual)

Annexure-III

Statement referred to part (b) of reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2190 for answer on 19.03.2025

(Rs. in Lakh)

Mode	Fund released (2021-22)	No. of beneficiaries (2021-22)	Fund released (2022-23)	No. of beneficiaries (2022-23)	Fund released (2023-24)	No. of beneficiaries (2023-24)
Mode-I	36.32	50	227.1	198	404.64	341
Mode-II	117.96	400	119.92	445	0	0
Total	154.28	450	347.02	643	404.64	341

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