

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO -40**  
ANSWERED ON – 23/07/2025

**SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EMPOWERMENT OF OBC STUDENTS**

40.SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH

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

- (a) whether the scholarship schemes have been implemented by Government to ensure that Other Backward Classes (OBC) communities have greater access to quality education;
- (b) the total amount released by Government under the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric scholarship schemes in FY 2024-25;
- (c) whether the Ministry operates any scheme for overseas scholarships for OBC students; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(DR.VIRENDRA KUMAR)

- (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**Statement referred to in reply to the part (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. \*40 to be answered on 23.07.2025 regarding Scholarships for empowerment of OBC students.**

(a) Yes. The Government is implementing following schemes for the welfare of Other Backward Class (OBC) students for greater access to quality education:

1. Department of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India (PM-YASASVI) with sub components of (a) Pre-Matric Scholarships (b) Post-Matric Scholarships (c) Top Class Education in Schools (d) Top Class Education in Colleges and (e) Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls.
2. Department of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS) with sub components of (a) National Fellowship for OBC Students and (b) Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for OBCs.
3. Department of Higher Education is implementing Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan (PM-USP) Yojana comprising of 2 scholarship components namely (i) Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students; and (ii) Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. Students belonging to all categories including OBC are eligible to get the scholarship as per schematic guidelines.
4. University Grants Commission (UGC) is implementing the National Scholarship for PG Studies (NSPG). National Scholarship for PG Studies is for students who are pursuing post-graduate programmes. As per the scheme guidelines, slots are allotted as per the reservation norms of the Government of India, which includes all reserved categories including OBC community.

(b) The total amount released by the Government under the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship Schemes for OBC students in FY 2024-25 is Rs. 1612.50 crore.

(c) & (d) The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for OBC students, who enroll for courses at Masters, M.Phil and Ph.D level abroad. Under this Scheme, a maximum loan of Rs 20 lakhs is provided to the students. The interest subsidy is linked with the existing Educational Loan Scheme of Indian Banks Association (IBA). Under the scheme, 100% interest payable by the students availing the education loans of the IBA for the period of moratorium (i.e. course period, plus one year or six months after getting job, whichever is earlier) as prescribed under the Education Loan Scheme of the IBA, is borne by the Government of India.

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