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IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHEMES FOR OBCs

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

- (a) whether Government is taking specific steps to ensure the effective implementation of welfare schemes for the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) across various sectors including education, health, and skill development;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and district-wise; and
- (c) whether any mechanism has been established to monitor the progress and outreach of such schemes at the district and State levels, if so, details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a) to (c) The Government of India implements various schemes for the welfare of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in various sectors including education, health, and skill development which support in their socio-economic empowerment:

1. Pre-Matric Scholarship: Financial assistance for OBC students pursuing pre-matric education
2. Post-Matric Scholarship: Financial assistance for OBC students pursuing post-matric education
3. Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loan: Interest subsidy on educational loans for OBC students pursuing overseas studies
4. Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS): Scholarship program for OBC students pursuing higher education
5. Free Coaching Scheme: Free coaching for OBC students preparing for competitive exams
6. National means cum Merit Scholarship Scheme is open to the students including OBCs students and reservation is provided under the Scheme as per the State Government norms.

7. National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC): Provides financial assistance for higher education and entrepreneurial programs
8. The Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan (PM-USP) is Central Sector Scheme of scholarship for the college and university students including OBCs students as per the reservation policy of the Government.
9. The PM-USP (Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan) Special Scholarship scheme for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh to encourage youth from Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh to take advantage of the education institutions outside these UTs.
10. Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY): Health insurance scheme which provides financial protection to vulnerable families including OBCs.
11. Pradhan Mantri Dakshata Aur Kushalata Sampanna Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Yojana, a Central Sector Scheme for providing high quality skills through good quality institutions so that the training can result in finding jobs or self-employment ventures for the target group including OBCs.

Some of the steps undertaken by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment to ensure the effective implementation and to monitor the progress and outreach of welfare schemes for the Other Backward Classes (OBCs):

- i. Regular Hand holding meetings/workshops for National Scholarship Portal (NSP) on-boarded States/ UTs and other States/UTs having their own scholarship portals;
- 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. Periodic review by holding meetings at National level, Regional level, State level and Field visits by Senior Officers.
- iv. Periodic review of the implementation of the schemes through third party evaluation studies.
