

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -1253**  
ANSWERED ON – 30/07/2025

**SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES FOR VULNERABLE SECTIONS**

1253. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK

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

(a) the expenditure incurred by Government on various schemes of scholarship for students from the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and Students with

Disabilities and the number of beneficiaries, year-wise and scheme-wise during last five years;

(b) whether Government has any plan to review the annual scholarship amounts granted to each student along with all the stakeholders to achieve the envisaged objectives in view of the prevailing cost of education; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

(a) to (c) The expenditure incurred by the Ministries of Social Justice & Empowerment and Tribal Affairs on various Schemes of scholarship for students from the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and Students with Disabilities and the number of beneficiaries, year-wise and scheme-wise during last five years are at Annexure. These Schemes and their guidelines are being implemented till the financial year 2025-26.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1253 for answer on 30.07.2025 asked by Shri Mukul Balkrishna Wasnik regarding Scholarship schemes for vulnerable sections

(Rs. In Crores)

Sr. No.	Scheme	2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
		Fund Released	Beneficiaries	Fund Released	Beneficiaries	Fund Released	Beneficiaries
1	Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SCs & Others	569.03	3122697	570.18	3238399	207.93	1134268
2	Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SCs & Others	4008.6	5016082	1930.38	3025136	4388.32	4647135
3	Top Class Scholarship for SC Students (TCS)	52.87	3118	84.72	4544	85.67	4171
4	Free Coaching for SCs, OBCs and beneficiaries of PM-Cares children Scheme (FCS)	11.96	2112	14.98	1761	18.41	558
5	National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme for SC etc. Candidates	32.92	71	49.07	98	86.59	98
6	National Fellowship for SC Students (NFSC)	133.1	3961	127.85	3706	134.07	3608
7	Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA)	56.05	38250	38.04	20435	51.12	16479
8	Pre Matric for OBCs/ EBCs/ DNTs Students	165.9137	5500000	218.289	5862000	361.379	2600000
9	Post Matric for OBCs/ EBCs/ DNTs Students	1159.24	4607000	1320.13	3804000	1005.61	1805000
10	Top Class Education in College for OBC, EBC and DNT Students	Scheme implemented in 2023-24					
11	Top Class Education in Schools for OBC, EBC and DNT Students	Scheme implemented in 2022-23				1.84	1275
12	National Fellowship for OBC	43.22	1233	58.19	1338	51.41	1570
13	Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy	32.61	4342	26.7	6564	23.98	4159
14	Scholarships for Students with Disabilities (Divyangjan)	91.77	26067	132.17	42131	145.19	44154
15	Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST	248.9	1373695	394.14	1404400	357.3	979452
16	Post-Matric Scholarship for ST	1830.14	1914255	2256.81	2253351	1964.65	2002849
17	National Scholarship for ST	29.3	2449	35.17	2751	34.48	2828
18	National Fellowship for ST	90.7	2625	84.83	2693	110.52	2938
19	National Overseas for ST	4.76	30	4.95	46	4	44

(Rs. In Crores)

Sr. No.	Scheme	2023-24		2024-25	
		Fund Released	Beneficiaries	Fund Released	Beneficiaries
1	Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SCs & Others	446.64	2129540	460.91	2165983
2	Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SCs & Others	5475.42	4738578	5562.23	4804208
3	Top Class Scholarship for SC Students (TCS)	83.84	3969	103.26	4538
4	Free Coaching for SCs, OBCs and beneficiaries of PM-cares children Scheme (FCS)	7.76	223	17.68	2136
5	National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme for SC etc. Candidates	88.56	114	74.17	75
6	National Fellowship for SC Students (NFSC)	199.82	4166	209.5	4143
7	Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA)	81.57	15816	109.98	14281
8	Pre Matric for OBCs/ EBCs/ DNTs Students	195.45	1844000	158.48	1300000
9	Post Matric for OBCs/ EBCs/ DNTs Students	988.05	2716000	892	1574000
10	Top Class Education in College for OBC, EBC and DNT Students	111.17	4762	213.98	9576
11	Top Class Education in Schools for OBC, EBC and DNT Students	6.61	3177	30.05	12813
12	National Fellowship for OBC	89.41	2009	129.21	2197
13	Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy	56.24	2789	9.49	827
14	Scholarships for Students with Disabilities (Divyangjan)	131.47	29374	89.78	23044
15	Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST	308.6	895124	163.69	910043
16	Post-Matric Scholarship for ST	2668.68	1922917	2598.34	1816293
17	National Scholarship for ST	70.44	5429	95.38	7013
18	National Fellowship for ST	159.56	2975	144.62	2698
19	National Overseas for ST	7	65	6	58

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