

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No 1267
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30/07/2025

POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR ST STUDENTS

1267. SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH:

Will the Minister of **TRIBAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state: -

- (a) the details of funds allocated and utilised towards Post-Matric scholarship for STs;
- (b) number of beneficiaries under the Post Matric scholarship in the last five years;
- (c) whether the number of beneficiaries have stagnated in the last few years; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Ministry to increase the number of beneficiaries under the scholarship scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) The details of budget allocation and expenditure under the Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for ST students during the last five years is given at **Annexure-I**.

(b) The number of beneficiaries under the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students during the last five academic years is given below:-

Name of the Scheme	Number of Beneficiaries(in lakhs)				
	AY 2020-21	AY 2021-22	AY 2022-23	AY 2023-24	AY 2024-25
Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students	20.06	23.44	22.69	20.64	18.163

Note:- The data for AY 2023-24 and 2024-25 is not complete and yet to be received from States. Therefore, the number of beneficiaries is likely to increase

(c) & (d) The Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students is a Centrally Sponsored Schemes and implemented through respective State/UT. This is an open-ended Scheme wherein scholarships are given to all eligible students for pursuing studies from class XI to post-graduation courses. There is difference in Financial Year (April to March) and Academic Year (July to June). In some States and incase of professional courses like medicine and engineering, the Academic Year starts very late due to delay in conduct of exams and consequent delay in admissions. Therefore, the disbursement of scholarship pertaining to an Academic Year may be accounted in the next Financial Year. The data on number of beneficiaries is captured on the basis of disbursal of scholarships. As such, there may be difference in number of beneficiaries from year to year.

To increase the number of beneficiaries under the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students, the States/UTs publicise the scheme through news paper advertisements in local language, websites, by creating awareness in schools and colleges etc. The Ministry is implementing a flagship Scheme -Dharti Abha Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA)- for the overall development of tribal communities across the country. Under DA-JGUA, the States & UTs are organizing IEC campaigns in tribal areas. Publicity is given to Scholarship Schemes also through these campaigns.

Annexure-I

Budget Estimate, Revised Estimates and Actual Expenditure 2020-21 to 2024-25																				
(₹ in crores)																				
Name of the Scheme	FY 2020-21				FY 2021-22				FY 2022-23				FY 2023-24				FY 2024-25			
	BE	RE	Final Alloc ation	Actual Expen diture	BE	RE	Final Alloc ation	Actual Expen diture	BE	RE	Final Alloc ation	Actual Expen diture	BE	RE	Final Alloc ation	Actual Expen diture	BE	RE	Final Alloc ation	Actual Expen diture
Post Matri c Schol arship for STs	19 00	18 33	1833. 00	1830.1 4	199 3.00	225 7.72	2257. 72	2257.7 2	196 5.00	196 5.00	1965. 00	1965.0 0	197 0.77	237 1.01	2668. 83	2668.8 3	243 2.68	246 2.68	2598. 34	2598.3 4