

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -451**  
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**SCHOLARSHIP FOR SC STUDENTS**

451 # SHRI GHANSHYAM TIWARI  
SHRI MITHLESH KUMAR:  
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) the manner in which the Central Sector Scholarship Schemes for Scheduled Caste (SC) students– such as Post Matric Scholarship Scheme and Top Class Education Scheme– has impacted educational attainment and social mobility in the last five years;
- (b) whether there are examples of SC beneficiaries who have joined higher education institutions through these schemes or achieved notable academic or professional success; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) Financial assistance and scholarship provided through the Schemes of Post Matric Scholarship (PMS) and Top Class Education for Scheduled Caste Students have contributed in enhancing the educational standard of Scheduled Caste students for pursuing higher education in educational Institutes/Colleges of the country. This has not only helped in reducing financial burden but also has enabled Scheduled Caste students to access quality education. By improving educational opportunities, the schemes have fostered greater socio-economic mobility, enhanced career prospects, and addressed both economic and social backwardness among SC communities.

(b) &(c) In the past five years, 2,22,31,139 and 20,340 SC students have benefitted under Post Matric Scholarship Scheme and Top Class Education Scheme respectively.

Under these Schemes Scheduled Caste students pursue their higher education in Colleges, Universities and Institutions including IIT, IIMs, IIITs, AIIMSs, NITs, NIFTs, NIDs, IHMs, NLUs etc. and have achieved notable success in their respective fields.

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