

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO -120
ANSWERED ON – 10/12/2025

WELFARE OF SC/ST/OBC COMMUNITIES IN ODISHA

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

- (a) the schemes implemented for welfare of SC/ST/OBC communities in Odisha;
- (b) the funds allocated and utilized for empowerment programs;
- (c) the initiatives for education, skill development, and financial inclusion;
- (d) the measures taken to protect rights of marginalized groups; and
- (e) whether any new programs are proposed for social upliftment and community development if so, details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(DR.VIRENDRA KUMAR)

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

Statement referred to parts (a) to (e) in respect of Rajya Sabha starred Q. No. 120 for answer on 10.12.2025 regarding Welfare of SC/ST/OBC communities in Odisha

(a) to (e) The major welfare schemes including education, skill development and financial inclusion implemented for Scheduled Caste(SC)/Scheduled Tribe(ST)/Other Backward Class(OBC) communities along with funds allocated and utilized for empowerment programs across India including the State of Odisha are given in **Annexure I, II & III**.

Further, there are 38 Ministries through which welfare of SC is undertaken and monitored under the Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes (DAPSC) schemes. There are 41 Ministries through which welfare of ST is undertaken and these schemes are being monitored under Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST).

To protect rights of marginalized groups, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment enacted Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955; The Scheduled Castes (SCs) and the Scheduled Tribes (STs) (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and the SC/ST (PoA) Rules, 1995 framed thereunder for SC/ST, Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 for Senior Citizens, The "Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013" (MS Act, 2013) for Manual Scavengers, The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 for Transgender and The Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 for Disabled persons.

Annexure I referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of Rajya Sabha starred Q. No. 120 for answer on 10.12.2025 regarding Welfare of SC/ST/OBC communities in Odisha

Sr. No.	Welfare Programme/Schemes for Scheduled Castes(SCs) of DoSJE	Fund allocated (in Rs Crore) for FY 2024-25 (Revised Estimate)	Fund utilized (in Rs Crore) for FY 2024-25
1	Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes(SCs)	5500.00	5581.52
2	Pre Matric for SCs and Other	450.00	461.66
3.	Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS) for SCs	428.00	404.61
A	National Fellowship for SCs	212.00	209.50
B	National Overseas Scholarship for SCs	95.00	74.18
C	Top Class Education for SCs	103.00	103.26
D	Free Coaching for SCs and OBCs	18.00	17.68
4.	Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM AJAY)	800.00	736.28
5	Centrally Sponsored Scheme for implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989	500.00	495.19
6.	Scheme of Residential Education for Students in High School in Targeted Area (SHRESHTA) for SC*	110.00	109.78
7.	Vanchit Ikai Samooch Aur Vargon Ko Aarthik Sahayata (VISVAS) Yojana	11.49	11.49
8.	Pradhan Mantri Dakshta aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH)	40.00	36.32

Annexure II referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of Rajya Sabha starred Q. No. 120 for answer on 10.12.2025 regarding Welfare of SC/ST/OBC communities in Odisha

S.No	Welfare Programme/Schemes for Other Backward Castes(OBC) of DoSJE	Fund allocated (in Rs Crore) for FY 2024-25 (Revised Estimate)	Fund utilized (in Rs Crore) for FY 2024-25
1.	PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India (PM YASASVI) for Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Economically Backward Classes(EBCs) and De Notified Tribes (DNTs)	1380.63	1333.30
a	Pre Matric Scholarship for OBCs, EBCs and DNTs	210.00	158.49
b	Post Matric Scholarship for OBCs EBCs and DNTs	921.00	895.48
c	Boys & Girls Hostels for OBCs	30.00	31.84
d	Top Class School	60.00	30.55
e	Top Class College	159.63	216.95
2	Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS) for OBCs and EBCs	80.00	157.68
a	Interest Subsidy on Education Loans for Overseas Studies for OBCs and EBCs	25.00	9.49
b	National Fellowship for OBCs and EBCs	55.00	148.19

Annexure-III

Annexure III referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of Rajya Sabha starred Q. No. 120 for answer on 10.12.2025 regarding Welfare of SC/ST/OBC communities in Odisha

S.No	Programme/Schemes for Scheduled Tribes (STs) of MoTA	Fund allocated (in Rs Crore) for FY 2024-25 (Revised Estimate)	Fund utilized (in Rs Crore) for FY 2024-25
1	SCA to TSP (Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojna-PMAAGY)	127.51	126.19
2	Grants under Article 275 (1)	1170.57	1170.57
3	Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS)	4748.92	4716.31
4	Grant in Aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the Scheduled Tribes	160.00	175.00
5	Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM)	152.32	112.58
6	Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTGs)	74.55	73.09
7	Support to Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs)	90.00	90.00
8	National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST students	240.00	240.00
9	Scholarship to the ST Students for Studies Abroad	6.00	6.00
10	Pre-Matric Scholarship	200.00	163.69
11	Post-Matric Scholarship	2462.68	2598.34
12	Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN)	160.00	99.83
13	Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utakarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA)	500.00	477.68
