

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No 2063**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2025

**SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING FOR SCHEDULED TRIBE STUDENT**

2063 SHRI A. A. RAHIM:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Scheduled Tribe (ST) students who have received pre-matric, post-matric, higher education scholarships and fellowships under schemes run by the Ministry during the last five years, year-wise and scheme-wise;
- (b) the total amount of funds allocated and disbursed by the Ministry for these scholarships over the same period, year-wise; and
- (c) whether there has been any decline in the number of ST students benefitting from post-matric scholarships in recent years, even as budgetary allocations have gone up and if so, the reasons for this discrepancy?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

**(a)** The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing the following Scholarship Schemes to ensure that tribal communities have greater access to quality education across the country :

- i) Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students (Class IX and X)
- ii) Post Matric Scholarship for ST students (Class XI and above)
- iii) National Fellowship for Higher Education for ST students.
- iv) National Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students(Top Class)
- v) National Overseas Scholarship for ST students.

The total number of Scheduled Tribe (ST) students who have received scholarships under the above mentioned schemes during the last five years, year-wise and scheme-wise are as follows:

Beneficiaries of all 5 scholarship schemes from 2020-21 till 2024-25					
Year	Pre Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students	Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students	National Scholarship Scheme for ST students	National Fellowship Scheme for ST students	National Overseas Scheme for ST students
	Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries
2020-21	1439930	2005696	2449	2625	30
2021-22	1377713	2344407	2751	2693	46
2022-23	1003159	2269112	2828	2938	44
2023-24	929767	2064437	5429	2975	65
2024-25	910043	1816293	7013	2698	58

The scholarship disbursement for the year 2023-24 and 2024-25 in some states/UTs for the Pre Matric and Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students is still ongoing. Due to this, the number of beneficiaries is on lower side.

**(b)** The total amount of funds allocated and disbursed by the Ministry for these scholarships over the same period, year-wise is enclosed at **Annexure- I**.

**(c)** As far as scholarship schemes implemented by Ministry of Tribal Affairs is concerned, there is no significant reduction of beneficiaries. Under the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students, the scholarship disbursement for the year 2023-24 and 2024-25 is still ongoing in some states/UTs. Due to this, the no. of beneficiaries showing lesser for these years.

Annexure I

The year-wise and scheme-wise figures (including Budget Estimate, Revised Estimate, Final Allocation, and Actual Expenditure) for all five Scholarship schemes under the Scholarship Division, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, for the period 2020-21 to 2024-25, are as follows:

Budget Estimate, Revised Estimate, Final Allocation & Actual Expenditure of all 5 Scholarship schemes from 2019-20 to 2024-25 (₹ in crores)																					
N o.	Nam e of the Schem e	2020-21				2021-22				2022-23				2023-24				2024-25			
		BE	RE	Final Alloca tion	Actual Expend iture	BE	RE	Final Alloca tion	Actual Expend iture	BE	RE	Final Alloca tion	Actual Expend iture	BE	RE	Final Alloca tion	Actual Expend iture	BE	RE	Final Alloca tion	Actual Expend iture
1	Post Matr ic	1900	1833	1833	1830.14	1993	2257.72	2257.72	2257.72	1965	1965	1965	1965	1970.77	2371.01	2668.83	2668.83	2432.68	2462.68	2598.34	2598.34
2	Pre-Matr ic	400	250	250	248.9	400	400	394.14	394.14	419	357.3	357.3	357.3	411.63	411.63	308.61	308.6	440.36	200	163.69	163.69
3	NFS T & Top class	100	120	120	120	150	120	120	120	145	140	145	145	145	230	230	230	165	240	240	240
4	NOS	2	4.76	4.76	4.76	3	4.95	4.95	4.95	4	4	4	4	4	7	7	7	6	6	6	6
Total		2402	2207.76	2207.76	2203.8	2546	2782.67	2776.81	2776.81	2533	2466.3	2471.3	2471.3	2531.4	3019.64	3214.44	3214.43	3044.04	2908.68	3008.03	3008.03