

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -452
ANSWERED ON – 03/12/2025

DISBURSEMENT OF PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR SC/ST STUDENTS

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

- (a) whether the pre-matric scholarship program for Scheduled Castes and Tribes has been effectively implemented in the country;
- (b) if so, State-wise/UT-wise and year-wise data on beneficiaries and financial disbursement;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of gaps especially in terms of awareness and application among remote communities; and
- (e) the proposed measures to be taken with respect to outreach and online application facilitation?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) to (e) The Pre-Matric scholarship scheme for Scheduled Castes (SCs) & others and Pre-Matric scholarship scheme for Scheduled Tribes(STs) are being implemented in the country. The State/UT and year-wise data on SCs and STs beneficiaries and financial disbursement from Financial Year (F.Y.) 2022-23 to 2024-25 are at Annexure-I & Annexure-II respectively.

The aforesaid Schemes are being implemented through State Government and UT Administration. The Advertisements are given through print (advertisements are published in National and regional newspapers in Hindi, English and regional languages) and electronic media to create wider publicity among the Stakeholders. Scheme snippets are also being uploaded on social media platforms to promote outreach and increase awareness of the schemes. Awareness is also created by sensitizing the States/UTs.

For the Pre Matric Scholarship for SC and others applications are invited through designated online portal. States/UTs being the implementing agency defines the major modalities for inviting applications, further processing, verification and other implementation aspects with suitable mechanisms at the level of State/UT.

For Pre-Matric scholarship scheme for Scheduled Tribes(STs), applications are invited online and details about this are published on the website of Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The States/UTs are also asked to make ST students aware about Centrally Sponsored scheme and help students in preparation of basic documents like Aadhar, Bank account, Caste certificate etc. so as to enable students to take benefit under the schemes.

Statement referred to part (a) to (e) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 452 for answer on 03.12.2025 for Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SCs & Others

(Rs. in Crore)

| Sl No. | F.Y. | 2021-22 | | 2022-23 | | 2023-24 | | 2024-25 | |
|--------|------------------|----------|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | | State/UT | Central Assistance (CA) Released | Beneficiaries | CA Released | Beneficiaries | CA Released | Beneficiaries | CA Released |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 58.92 | 245595 | 0 | 0 | 56.14 | 221219 | 0.03 | 116 |
| 2 | Assam | 0 | 418 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0.7 | 2233 |
| 3 | Bihar | 75.34 | 473106 | 14.27 | 132127 | 15.76 | 146660 | 3.35 | 31087 |
| 4 | Chandigarh | 0.36 | 1634 | 0.46 | 1304 | 0.38 | 1097 | 0.31 | 874 |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 0 | 0 | 0.0049 | 0 | 8.88 | 41271 | 5.04 | 21123 |
| 6 | Daman & Diu | 0 | 51 | 0 | 14 | 0.0027 | 8 | 0.004 | 11 |
| 7 | Delhi | 6.99 | 3771 | 0.1 | 501 | 0.16 | 761 | 0.19 | 903 |
| 8 | Goa | 0 | 29 | 0.0012 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| 9 | Gujarat | 54.38 | 270489 | 16.43 | 77116 | 57.59 | 273157 | 42.82 | 201106 |
| 10 | Haryana | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | Himachal Pradesh | 3.74 | 16759 | 0 | 0 | 7.7 | 24536 | 2.85 | 9052 |
| 12 | Jammu & Kashmir | 0.23 | 13359 | 0 | 0 | 0.54 | 2584 | 0.82 | 3923 |
| 13 | Jharkhand | 4.2 | 57745 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14.3 | 68230 |
| 14 | Karnataka | 76.58 | 271576 | 42.02 | 200119 | 49.21 | 235562 | 58.31 | 278285 |
| 15 | Kerala | 10.92 | 61622 | 8.91 | 42003 | 2.56 | 11999 | 18.21 | 85996 |
| 16 | Madhya Pradesh | 47.37 | 355000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 81 | 368813 |
| 17 | Maharashtra | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.11 | 535 |
| 18 | Meghalaya | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0003 | 1 |
| 19 | Manipur | 0.38 | 571 | 0 | 0 | 0.26 | 676 | 0.3 | 731 |
| 20 | Odisha | 28.76 | 92329 | 6.46 | 29047 | 7.08 | 31486 | 18.2 | 80835 |
| 21 | Puducherry | 0.82 | 1349 | 0 | 0 | 0.15 | 704 | 0.14 | 674 |
| 22 | Punjab | 35.51 | 196843 | 19.5 | 92604 | 21.65 | 103357 | 8.78 | 41793 |
| 23 | Rajasthan | 36.73 | 240500 | 0 | 0 | 28.23 | 135092 | 8.66 | 41298 |
| 24 | Sikkim | 0.02 | 54 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0.0012 | 4 |
| 25 | Tamil Nadu | 60.64 | 341246 | 22.12 | 104324 | 70.56 | 335642 | 109.45 | 521124 |
| 26 | Telangana | 2.21 | 26175 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 | Tripura | 0.3 | 10211 | 1.3 | 4075 | 0.67 | 2105 | 1.93 | 6096 |
| 28 | Uttar Pradesh | 37.32 | 320390 | 60.11 | 373692 | 79.66 | 382766 | 62.8 | 299751 |
| 29 | Uttarakhand | 4.69 | 14368 | 0 | 0 | 3.12 | 9940 | 3.12 | 9916 |
| 30 | West Bengal | 23.77 | 223209 | 16.24 | 77336 | 36.36 | 168896 | 19.48 | 91465 |
| | Total | 570.18 | 3238399 | 207.93 | 1134268 | 446.66 | 529556 | 460.91 | 2165983 |

Statement referred to part (a) to (e) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 452 for answer on 03.12.2025 for Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for STs

| Details of Fund Released and Beneficiaries to State Governments/UT Administrations thereof under the Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sl.No. | Name of the State/UT | F.Y. 2022-23 | | F.Y. 2023-24 | | (₹ in crore) |
| | | Fund Released | Beneficiaries | Fund Released | Beneficiaries | |
| 1 | Andaman & Nicobar | | 260 | | 173 | 0.10 |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | | 40465 | 57.00 | * | 30.77 |
| 3 | Arunachal Pradesh | 2.67 | 5178 | | 2852 | 2831 |
| 4 | Assam | 1.07 | 5688 | 1.88 | 4353 | 1.00 |
| 5 | Bihar | | 26450 | | 8451 | 15139 |
| 6 | Chhattisgarh | | 28642 | 52.50 | 44837 | 27171 |
| 7 | DNH & DD | | 2017 | | 1273 | 1162 |
| 8 | Goa | 1.08 | 2108 | 0.53 | 1670 | 0.36 |
| 9 | Gujarat | 54.52 | 157553 | 62.00 | 121083 | 9.23 |
| 10 | Himachal Pradesh | 0.79 | 2479 | 1.10 | 2616 | 3260 |
| 11 | Jammu & Kashmir | | 4689 | | 2548 | 8371 |
| 12 | Jharkhand | | 129269 | 57.00 | 114519 | 129142 |
| 13 | Karnataka | 23.70 | 98705 | 34.00 | 97191 | 7.00 |
| 14 | Kerala | | 9457 | 4.36 | 8331 | 1.00 |
| 15 | Ladakh | | 760 | | 2228 | 0.40 |
| 16 | Madhya Pradesh | 127.44 | 255944 | | 259997 | 53.05 |
| 17 | Manipur | | 1836 | | 3470 | 3916 |
| 18 | Meghalaya | 1.15 | 1588 | | 5590 | 0.70 |
| 19 | Mizoram | | 10312 | 3.07 | 8911 | 8807 |
| 20 | Nagaland | | * | | * | * |
| 21 | Odisha | 93.97 | 79252 | | 106691 | 29.50 |
| 22 | Puducherry | | 21 | | 11 | 14 |
| 23 | Rajasthan | 35.31 | 73816 | | 76272 | 22.36 |
| 24 | Sikkim | 0.18 | 49 | | 62 | 377 |
| 25 | Tamil Nadu | 4.04 | 15325 | 3.62 | 17557 | 0.60 |
| 26 | Telangana | | 9255 | 1.50 | 2460 | 0.00 |
| 27 | Tripura | 11.37 | 15017 | | 11601 | 6.92 |
| 28 | Uttar Pradesh | | 1579 | | 2329 | 3211 |
| 29 | Uttarakhand | | 1464 | 0.15 | 902 | 0.70 |
| 30 | West Bengal | | 23979 | 29.89 | 21789 | 24333 |
| | Total | 357.29 | 1003157 | 308.60 | 929767 | 163.69 |
| | | | | | | 910043 |

*-beneficiary data not reported by the State/UT.

Note: Fund release status for a few States is not reported because of unspent balance of funds available with States, released during the previous year. The States utilize unspent balance to make payment of scholarships.