

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -3013  
ANSWERED ON – 18/03/2026

**IMPLEMENTATION OF OBC WELFARE PROGRAMS**

3013. # SHRI PRADIP KUMAR VARMA

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

- (a) the number of beneficiaries under the Central schemes implemented for OBC students;
- (b) the total amount of Central assistance provided for OBC empowerment;
- (c) the number of OBC youths who have benefited from skill development and entrepreneurship support programs; and
- (d) the goals for expanding OBC welfare in the coming years?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI B.L.VERMA)

- (a) & (b) The number of beneficiaries and the total amount of Central Assistance provided to OBC students under various schemes of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment during the last three years are given at **Annexure-I**.
- (c) The number of OBC youth who have benefited from various skill development and entrepreneurship support programs of the Government are at **Annexure-II**.
- (d) The goal of the Government is to build an inclusive society wherein members of the target groups can lead productive, safe and dignified lives with adequate support for their growth and development, strengthen educational and economic empowerment, entrepreneurial capacity, financial inclusion and skill development of OBCs.

## Annexure-I.

Annexure referred to in part (a) & (b) in respect of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.3013 for answer on 18.03.2026							
Amount In Cr.							
Expenditure and Beneficiary							
S.No.	Name of Scheme	2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
		Expenditure	Beneficiary	Expenditure	Beneficiary	Expenditure	Beneficiary
1	Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC & DNT Students	361.38	25.99 Lakh	195.63	18.43 Lakh	158.49	20.61 Lakh
2	Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC & DNT Students	1007.99	18.05 Lakh	988.45	27.16 Lakh	895.47	24.53 Lakh
3	Construction of Hostels For OBCs Boys and Girls	18.8	2200 Seats	14.42	2246 Seats	31.84	3950 Seats
4	Top Class Education in School for OBC, EBC & DNT Students	1.85	1275 (Actual)	6.73	3177 (Actual)	32.48	13769 (Actual)
5	Top Class Education in College for OBC, EBC & DNT Students	Implemented in 2023-24		124.06	5781 (Actual)	317.23	14861 (Actual)

Note: Beneficiary data and financial release are as per Academic Year in respect of Schemes of Top Class Education in School and Top Class Education in College.

<b>SHREYAS-OBC (National Fellowship for OBC Students)</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Fund released (Amount in Crore.)</b>	<b>Total No. of Beneficiaries</b>
2022-23	51.32	1570
2023-24	89.7	2009
2024-25	148.15	2197

<b>SHREYAS-OBC (Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies)</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Fund released (Amount in Crore.)</b>	<b>Total No. of Beneficiaries</b>
2022-23	23.98	4159
2023-24	56.24	2789
2024-25	9.49	837

**Annexure referred to in part (c) in respect of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3013 for answer on 18.03.2026**

1. The Central Sector Scheme of Venture Capital Fund for Backward Classes (VCF-BC / OBC) was operationalized from 2019 and is managed by IFCI Venture Capital Funds Ltd under the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment to provide concessional venture finance (about ₹10 lakh - ₹15 crore per enterprise) to OBC entrepreneurs. **A total of 29 companies have been sanctioned ₹132.88 crore, out of which ₹66.56 crore has been disbursed to 17 companies, benefiting 70 BC entrepreneurs.**
2. The Vanchit Ikai Samooh aur Vargon ki Aarthik Sahayata (VISVAS) Interest Subvention Scheme a Central Sector initiative provides interest subvention at a uniform rate of 5% on eligible loans taken by individual beneficiaries belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) for income-generating activities. Under VISVAS-BC, an amount of Rs. 27.51 Cr has been disbursed as interest subvention to 1,92,650 beneficiaries.
3. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY): A total of 55,51,185 OBC candidates have been trained under PMKVY since 2015-16 till 31.12.2025. Further, a total of Rs. 10,431.13 Crores have been released under the PMKVY for implementation of the scheme since 2015-16 till 31.12.2025.
4. Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS): A total of 12,92,391 OBC candidates have been trained under JSS Scheme since 2018-19 till 31.12.2025. Further, a total of Rs. 985.75 Crores have been released under the JSS Scheme since 2018-19 till 31.12.2025.
5. National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS): A total of 13,95,875 OBC candidates have been trained under NAPS since 2018-19 till 31.12.2025. Further, a total of Rs. 2278.56 Crores have been released under the NAPS since 2018-19 till 31.12.2025.
6. Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs): A total of 50,04,345 OBC candidates have been trained under the CTS. Day-to-day administration as well as financial control in respect of ITIs lies with the respective State Governments/ Union Territory Administration.

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