

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -620**  
ANSWERED ON – 04/02/2026

**SCHOLARSHIPS TO SC, OBC, DNT AND EWS STUDENTS**

620. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK

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

(a) the annual parental income limits for students belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, De-notified and Nomadic Tribes and Economically Weaker Sections;

(b) the latest data on the number of students who received scholarships along with the amount disbursed to students from each category;

(c) whether Government is considering to increase the annual parental income limits for the students from the deprived sections of our society; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the criteria to be followed in increasing the income limits?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) & (b) The Department is implementing various scholarship schemes for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs), De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (DNTs) including Economically Backward Classes (EBCs). The income limits and the amount of scholarship disbursed along with the number of beneficiaries under the schemes during the last Financial Year 2024-2025 are at **Annexure-I**.

(c) & (d) The scholarship schemes for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs), De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (DNTs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) are under revision. The revision of schemes including the income limit is done in consultation with all concerned stakeholders including concerned Ministries/Departments after following the laid down procedure.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) & (B) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 620 FOR REPLY ON 04.02.2026 REGARDING SCHOLARSHIP TO SC, OBC, DNT AND EWS STUDENTS ASKED BY SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK.**

S.No	Name of the Scheme	Income Limits	Amount Disbursed (FY 2024-25) (In Rs. crore)	No. of Beneficiaries (FY 2024-25)
1.	Pre- matric scholarship scheme for SC students and others	1.1 Pre-matric scholarship scheme for SC students, Component I-	460.9	21,65,983
		Parents/ guardians' income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2,50,000/- (Rupees two lakh fifty thousand Only) per annum.		
	1.2 Pre-Matric scholarship for children of parents/ guardians engaged in Unclean and hazardous Occupation, Component II	No family income ceiling		
2	Post matric scholarship to the students belonging to scheduled castes for studies in India (PMS-SC)	Parents/ guardians' income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2,50,000/- (Rupees two lakh fifty thousand only) per annum.	5,562.2	48,04,208
3	Scholarship for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS)- SC:	3.1 Free Coaching Scheme for SC and OBC students	18.3	3011
		3.2 National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) for SC etc.	50.9	75
		3.3 Top Class Scholarship Scheme for SCs.	103.2	4548
		3.4 National Fellowship Scheme for SCs .	216.7	4143

4.	An Umbrella Scheme for providing scholarships to BC: PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India (PM – YASASVI) :	4.1 Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students	Parents/guardians income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2,50,000/- per annum.	158.4	20,61,400
		4.2 Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students		892.0	24,54,000
		4.3 Top Class Education in Schools for OBC, EBC and DNT Students		48.4	13,666
		4.4 Top Class Education in Colleges for OBC, EBC and DNT Students		317.2	14,861
5.	The scheme Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme- SHREYAS-OBC:	5.1 National Fellowship for OBC	No family income ceiling under National Fellowship for OBC.	148.1	2197
		5.2 Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs).	Family Income under Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for OBC is 8 Lakh per annum and for EBC is 5 Lakh per annum.	9.4	837

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