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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR SCs, OBCs, PwDs

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

(a) how many scholarship applications for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) are currently pending and what is the total amount of unpaid scholarship dues; and

(b) whether Government has reduced allocations for de-addiction centres and welfare schemes for senior citizens during the last three years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) & (b) The Pre-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes & Others and Post-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Caste Students Schemes, are Centrally Sponsored Schemes which are open ended and demand-driven in nature and the scholarships are released through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) into the Aadhaar-seeded bank accounts of beneficiaries. Release of the Central share is purely contingent upon the concerned State Government/UT Administration releasing its share and transferring the finally verified paid data on the National Scholarship Portal for central share disbursement.

Under the Central Sector Scheme of Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme for SCs (SHREYAS-SC), no scholarship application is pending and there are no unpaid scholarship dues.

Under the umbrella Scheme of Prime Minister Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India for OBCs and others (PM-YASASVI), there are four sub-schemes namely Pre-Matric, Post-Matric, Top-Class Education in Colleges and Top-Class Education in Schools for OBC, EBC and DNT students. Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship Schemes are Centrally Sponsored Schemes and processing of applications, verification, sanction and disbursement of scholarships are carried out by the respective State Governments/UT Administrations. The Central Government releases the funds to the States and UTs. Top Class Education in Schools and Top Class Education in Colleges are Central Sector Schemes.

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) is implementing the Central Sector Scheme namely “Scholarship Scheme for Students with Disabilities”. Under this Scheme, the applications received are processed in accordance with the extant Scheme guidelines, subject to fulfillment of the prescribed eligibility conditions and availability of complete applications. Sanction and release of scholarships are done on a continuous basis during the course of the academic year.

(b) There has been no reduction in the budget allocation for de-addiction centers during the last three years. Under welfare schemes for Senior Citizens, the allocation during the last three years is as below:

Year	Amount (Rs in crore)
2023-24	705.11
2024-25	539.44
2025-26	557.42
Total	1801.97
