

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 2855
ANSWERED ON – 12/08/2026

POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP (PMS) SCHEME

2855 # SHRI BRIJ LAL
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) the objectives of the Post-Matric Scholarship (PMS) scheme;
- (b) the details of the annual target fixed for providing scholarships under the Post-Matric Scholarship (PMS) scheme to Scheduled Caste (SC) students across the country, State-wise;
- (c) the income eligibility criteria for the grant of scholarships; and
- (d) the details of the Central assistance released to Chhattisgarh during the last five years and the number of beneficiaries thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

- (a) The objective of the Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for Scheduled Castes (SCs) is to appreciably increase the Gross Enrollment Ratio of SC students in higher education with a focus on those from the poorest households, by providing financial assistance at post-matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education.
- (b) Annual Action Plan under the scheme are called from the States/UTs being the implementing agencies. The Scheme is open-ended and demand driven in nature for the eligible students of all the recognized institutions across India. Release of central share is purely contingent upon States/UTs transmitting their State/UT share paid finally verified data on to the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) for central share disbursement.
- (c) Scholarship is paid to the students whose parents/guardians income from all the sources does not exceed Rs. 2.5 Lakh (Rupees Two Lakh Fifty Thousand Only).
- (d) The details of number of beneficiaries and Central Assistance (CA) released in Chhattisgarh under the Post-Matric scholarship for SC students **during last five Financial Years (FYs) are at Annexure-I.**

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (D) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION. NO.2855 FOR ANSWER ON 12.08.2026 REGARDING POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP (PMS) SCHEME ASKED BY SHRI BRIJ LAL, SMT.LAXMI VERMA, SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH:

The details of number of beneficiaries and Central Assistance (CA) released in the State of Chhattisgarh under the Post-Matric Scholarship for SC students during last five Financial Years (FYs):

Financial Year	Central Assistance Released (Rs. in crore)	No.of beneficiaries
2021-22	29.00	87,464
2022-23	45.00	96,267
2023-24	36.14	79,237
2024-25	39.96	87,675
2025-26	53.60	96,839
