

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1900
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2017**

CENTRAL ASSISTANCE TO ODISHA UNDER POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP

1900. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from Odisha regarding sanction and release of Central assistance under Post Matric scholarship for Scheduled Castes and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the present status of the proposal and the time by which it is likely to be cleared?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)**

(a)&(b): A proposal from State Government of Odisha for Central assistance of Rs. 182.90 crore for the year 2016-17 under Centrally sponsored Scheme for Post-matric Scholarship for Scheduled Caste students was received on 30.12.2016. This proposal was incomplete. Certain clarification/additional information regarding past expenditure, number of beneficiaries etc. was called for from the State Government on 11.01.2017. However, Central Assistance of Rs. 198.79 crore has been released during 2016-17 to Odisha towards arrears for 2014-15 and 2015-16. Balances of all States including Odisha are released from time to time depending on availability of fund.
