

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4086
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2017

Education Loan Scheme

4086. DR. K. KAMARAJ:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched any concessional education loan schemes for the students of Scheduled Castes (SCs), Other Backward Classes(OBCs) and other students belonging to poor families with disabilities for study within the country and abroad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether interest subsidy is also available for the above loan facilities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. Details are annexed.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.4086 for 27.03.2017 regarding Education Loan Scheme.

Education Loan Schemes

(i) Ministry of Human Resource Development has a Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme, 2009 which provides full Interest Subsidy for the period of moratorium (course period + 1 year) on educational loans taken by students from economically weaker sections with annual parental income up to Rs.4.5 lakh, from scheduled banks under the Educational Loan Scheme of the Indian Banks' Association to pursue Technical/Professional courses in India. The details of the scheme are available on MHRD website www.mhrd.gov.in. Canara Bank is the nodal bank for implementing the scheme. Some corporations are also participating in the scheme i.e. National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSCFDC), National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC), National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC) & National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC).

(ii) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has stated that Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies of the Ministry awards interest subsidy to meritorious Other Backward Class (OBC) and Economically Backward Class (EBC) students so as to provide them better opportunities for higher education abroad. To be eligible under the scheme, a student should come under the income ceiling of Rs.3 lakh per annum for OBCs and Rs.1 lakh for EBCs. 50% of the outlay every year is earmarked for girl students. The details of the scheme are available on www.socialjustice.nic.in.

(iii) Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance has stated that as per Model Educational Loan Scheme for pursuing higher education in India by Indian Banks' Association (IBA) in the year 2015, collateral security is waived up to loan of Rs.4 lakh.
