

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2659
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2017**

NATIONAL OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP FOR SC STUDENTS

2659. SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the allocation of funds under the National Overseas Scholarships for SC students;
- (b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated and released under the said scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) the manner in which the Government would ensure proportionate allocation of funds for such students; and
- (e) the action taken so far by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): No, the government has not reviewed the allocation of funds under the National Overseas Scholarship for students. However, the budgetary allocation was enhanced to ₹ 15.00 crore for financial year 2016-17 from ₹ 6.12 crore allocated for financial year 2015-16.

(c): The details of budgetary allocation and utilization during the last 3 years and current year so far are as under:

| Year | Budget Allocation ₹ (in Crore) | Amount Released ₹ (in Crore) |
|---------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2014-15 | 6.00 | 8.78 |
| 2015-16 | 6.12 | 13.45 |
| 2016-17 | 15.00 | 14.02 |
| 2017-18 | 15.00 | 0.02* |

Under the scheme of National Overseas Scholarship for SC Students, state-wise allocation of funds is not made.

*Authorization for ₹ 3.00 crore made to Ministry of External affairs on 13.07.2017

(d) & (e): Does not arise since scholarship amount due to the student is paid through the mission in the country where he/ she is studying as per the rules prescribed in scheme guidelines.
