

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2285
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01st JANUARY 2018**

NMMS Scheme

2285. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has failed to meet the annual target of providing 1 Lakh scholarships under the National Means cum Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government considers relaxing the selection criteria for the scholarship in order to reach the deserving beneficiaries and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government considers revising the scholarship amount awarded, given that the current amount Rs.500/- per month is insufficient to support students from economically weaker backgrounds and that this amount was decided in the year 2008, the expenses have changed much since then and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

- (a): Annual provision is made for 1 lakh scholarships to those students who pass both the tests i.e. Mental Aptitude Test(MAT) and Scholastic Aptitude Test(SAT) with at least 40% marks (32% for the reserved category) under the operational guidelines of NMMS scheme. The actual number is determined by those who qualify both the tests.
- (b) &(c): Yes, Madam.The matter is under consideration in this Department.
