

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †664
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.12.2017**

HIGHER EDUCATION LOANS FOR SC AND OBC STUDENTS

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

- (a) whether the Government is providing interest free higher education loans to the students belonging to SC and OBC;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the criteria for providing such loan to the students belonging to SC and OBC; and
- (d) the number of banks against which action has been taken for not providing loans during the last three years and the current year along with the number of complaints received by the Government and the action taken thereon?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)**

(a) to (d) : No Madam. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment does not provide interest free higher education loans to the students belonging to SC and OBC. However, the Corporations under the Ministry namely National Scheduled Caste Finance and Development Corporation, National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation and National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation provide concessional education loans to the target population.
