

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

**STARRED QUESTION NO. †*156
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.03.2018**

INCOME LIMIT FOR AVAILING SCHOLARSHIP

**†*156. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:
DR. BHARATIBEN D. SHYAL:**

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

- (a) whether the annual income limit of parents of the students belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) for availing scholarship is fixed at one lakh rupees and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the annual income limit of parents of the students belonging to other classes for availing scholarship is fixed at more than two lakh rupees and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the said difference in family income limits is not against social justice; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to make any revision in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI THAAWARCHAND GEHLOT)**

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement for answer to part (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 156 for answer on 06/03/2018 raised by Shri Ramesh Chander Kaushik and Dr. Bharatiben D Shyal regarding “Income limit for availing scholarship”

(a) to (d): The annual income ceiling for Post matric Scholarship scheme is Rs. 1.00 lakh. It is proposed to increase this ceiling to Rs. 1.50 lakh. Depending upon the availability of funds and to cover poorest of poor of different categories of students as well as different courses, annual income ceiling is fixed by Government of India through requisite mechanism and hence the eligibility criteria differs.

Different Scholarship Schemes cover different categories of students and also cover different courses. To cover poorest of poor among different categories of students, variations in annual income ceiling are there. The eligibility criteria for scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBCs have been revised from Rs. 44,500 to Rs. 2.50 lakh from 2017-18. The annual income ceiling for various scholarship schemes for different categories is enumerated below:

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl.No.	Name of Scheme	BC	SC	ST	DNT	EBC	Minority	Disability
1.	Pre-Matric Scholarship	2.50	2.50	2.00	2.00	-	1.00	2.00
2.	Post Matric Scholarship	1.00	2.50	2.50	2.00	1.00	2.00	2.50
3.	National Overseas Scholarship	-	6.00	6.00	-	-	-	6.00