

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2872  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2018**

**NATIONAL OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP FOR SCs**

**†2872. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:**

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

- (a) the criteria/norms adopted by the Government for the National Overseas Scholarship for studying abroad;
- (b) the categories apart from the Scheduled Caste students to whom the benefits of the said scheme have been provided;
- (c) the target set regarding the number of the scholarships to be provided under the said scheme during the last three years and the number of scholarships provided so far; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to make the said scheme more popular?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): Based on the extant guidelines of the scheme, the candidates are selected under the scheme for studying abroad. The important eligibility criteria is as follows:-

- (i) Age of the candidate should be less than 35 years.
- (ii) Annual Income of the family from all sources should not exceed Rs.6.00 Lakh.
- (iii) Minimum 55% of marks in Masters Degree for pursuing courses in Ph.D.
- (iv) Minimum 55% of marks in Bachelor Degree for pursuing course in Master Degree.

(b): Apart from SCs, the benefits of the above said scheme have been provided to Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes & Landless Agricultural Labourers and Traditional Artisans

(c): The details are as follows:-

Selection Year	No. of Slots	Number of awardees selected
2014-15	100	59
2015-16	100	50
2016-17	100 +91*	108
2017-18	100 +83*	83\$

\*Vacant slots carried forwarded from previous year.

\$ Selection as on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

(d): The advertisement is published in the leading Newspapers and Employment News twice in a year. The first advertisement is published at the beginning of the year and the other one during the Financial Year for publicity. The details of the scheme are also uploaded on the website of the Department.

Apart from above, the features of the scheme are also broadcast by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment through radio channels of All India Radio on the programme 'Sawarati Jaye Jeewan ki Rahen'.

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