

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3931  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2018**

**BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR WELFARE OF OBCs**

**3931. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:**

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

- (a) whether the Budget allocation for the welfare of OBCs has been hiked by 41.03 percent during 2018-19, as compared to the budget allocation of 2017-18 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government plans to launch a new Scheme "Venture Capital Fund for OBCs" on the lines of Venture Capital Fund for SCs in the current financial year and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has also raised the Income Eligibility Criteria for Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC Students and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of income eligibility raised under the scheme of free coaching for OBC students; and
- (e) the details of rates of scholarships increased under pre-matric scholarship for OBC students?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT**

**(SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)**

(a): There is an increase of 41.03% in the budget allocation for 2018-19 for the Backward Classes Division of this Ministry, which inter-alia includes Schemes for EBCs/DNTs. The details of budget allocation for 2017-18 and 2018-19 is at Annexure.

(b): It has been decided to include Backward Classes also as component under the Scheme of Venture Capital by renaming the Scheme as "Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Backward Classes (BCs)".

The objectives of the Scheme are as below:-

- It is a Social Sector initiative to be implemented nationally in order to promote entrepreneurship among the Backward Classes population in India.
- Promote entrepreneurship amongst the Backward Classes (BCs) who are oriented towards innovation and growth technologies.
- To provide concessional finance to the Backward Classes entrepreneurs, who will create wealth and value for society and at the same time will promote profitable businesses.
- The assets so created will also create forward/backward linkage. It will further create chain effect in the locality.
- To increase financial inclusion for BC entrepreneurs and to motivate them for further growth of BCs.
- To develop BC entrepreneurs economically.
- To enhance direct and indirect employment generation for OBC population in India.

(c): The annual parental income ceiling has been enhanced from Rs. 44,500/- to Rs. 2, 50,000/- for Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBCs.

(d): The income eligibility under the Scheme of free coaching for OBC students has been raised from Rs. 3.00 lakh to Rs. 6.00 lakhs.

(e): The rates of scholarship has been revised for day scholars of Class I to V, Class VI to VIII and Class IX to X from Rs. 25, 40 and Rs.50 per month for 10 months respectively to Rs. 100 per month for 10 months for Class I to X.

In case of hostellers, the rate has been revised from Class III to VIII and Class IX to X from Rs. 200 per month and Rs. 250 per month for 10 months respectively to Rs. 500 per month for 10 months for Class III to X.

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**Annexure to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3931 for 20.3.2018.**

*(Rs. in crore)*

S. No.	Programme/Schemes	BE 2017-18	RE 2017-18	Exp. As on 14.03.2018	BE 2018-19	% Increase
1	National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation	100.00	100.00	60.00	100.00	0.00
2	Pre-matric Scholarship to OBCs	142.00	142.00	122.82	232.00	63.38
3	Asstt. To Vol.Orgns for OBCs	10.00	10.00	10.00	30.00	200.00
4	Boys & Girls Hostels for OBCs	40.00	40.00	42.50	50.00	25.00
5	Post-Matric Scholarship for OBCs	885.00	885.00	822.99	1100.00	24.29
6	Scheme for Educational and Economical Development of De-notified and Nomadic Tribes	6.00	6.00	5.40	10.00	66.67
7	Post Matric Scholarship for Economically Backward Classes	10.00	10.00	10.00	103.00	930.00
8	Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Interest Sub. for Overseas Studies for OBC/EBC students	4.30	4.30	3.87	10.00	132.55
9	National Fellowship for OBCs and EBCs	40.00	40.00	20.00	110.00	175.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1237.30</b>	<b>1237.30</b>	<b>1097.58</b>	<b>1745.00</b>	<b>41.03</b>