

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.789
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018

EDUCATION LOANS

789. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to waive the interest payable on education loans availed by the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe/Other Backward Caste (SC/ST/OBC) and Minority community students pursuing higher studies in professional institutes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any decision to grant interest-free education loan for SC/ST & OBC as well as Minority community students up to Postgraduate level;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (b):No, Madam.

(c) to (e):There is no such scheme which provides interest free education loan. However, the Government is implementing the following interest subsidy schemes on education loans for higher education:-

(i) Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme (CSIS): -

Under the Scheme, full Interest Subsidy is provided for the moratorium period (course period plus one year), on the educational loan up to Rs. 7.5 lakh taken by students belonging to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) having annual parental income up to Rs.4.5 lakh, from Scheduled Banks under the Model Educational Loan Scheme.

(ii) Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies: -

The Scheme is implemented by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The objective of the scheme is to provide interest subsidy to meritorious students belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBC) and Economically Backward Classes (EBC) to provide them opportunities to pursue higher education abroad in the field of Arts, Engineering, Medical and Agriculture. The income ceiling is Rs. 8 lakh per annum for OBCs and Rs.2.5 lakh per annum for EBCs.

(iii) PadhoPardeshScheme: -

The Scheme is implemented by Ministry of Minority Affairs. Under the scheme, interest subsidy is provided to minority students to pursue Master's Level Courses, M.Phil., and Ph.D. in foreign Universities in the field of Arts, Engineering, Agriculture and Medical. The income ceiling is Rs. 6.00 lakh per annum.
