

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1173
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2018**

FUNDS FOR SC STUDENTS

1173. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated and utilized for education of Scheduled Caste students in the State of Himachal Pradesh during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the time by which the balance amount of Rs. 12560.48 lakh would be released by the Government; and
- (c) the details of the other schemes/ initiatives undertaken by the Government for providing educational opportunities to the SC students?

ANSWER

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

(a): This Department deals with Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes Students and Pre-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes Students under which Central Assistance is provided to the States/UTs. The Central Government releases fund after adjusting outstanding balances/unutilized amount of the States over and above the Committed Liability of the State. The details of fund allocated under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme and Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Castes Students to the State of Himachal Pradesh during the last three years and the current year is enclosed at Annexure.

(b): The Government of Himachal Pradesh was released Rs 74.25 crore in the year 2017-18 towards the arrears up to the year 2016-17. The remaining arrears would be released based on submission of due Utilization Certificate by the State Government for the releases made earlier and availability of funds. Under Pre-Matric Scholarship scheme Rs. 143.01 Lakh was released in 2017-18 which covers the entire Central Assistance due up to the year 2017-18.

(c): The department is implementing following Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes for the educational upliftment of the Scheduled Castes Students.

1. Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes Students
2. Pre-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes Students
3. National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Castes Students etc.
4. National Fellowship for Scheduled Castes Students
5. Central Sector Scholarship Scheme for Top Class Education for SC Students
6. Free Coaching Scheme for SC and OBC Students

Annexure

Statement referred to Part (a) of Unstarred Question No. 1173 for answer on 18/12/2018 regarding funds for SC students.

Central Assistance released under Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Caste Students to Government of Himachal Pradesh during the year 2015-16 to 2018-19

Year	Central Assistance (Rs. In Lakh)
2015-16	2700.00
2016-17	2400.00
2017-18	7425.00
2018-19	0.00

Central Assistance released under Pre-Matric Scholarship scheme studying in IX and X for SC students to Government of Himachal Pradesh during the year 2015-16 to 2018-19

Year	Central Assistance (Rs. In Lakh)
2015-16	531.13
2016-17	363.80
2017-18	143.01
2018-19	0.00