

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 135
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.07.2019**

Educational Development for Economically Backward Classes

***135. SHRI B.B.PATIL:**

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

- (a) the details of the schemes formulated by the Government for educational development of the economically backward classes of the country as on date;
- (b) the funds allocated and utilised for such schemes during the last three years; and
- (c) the mechanism in place to ensure proper utilisation of funds allocated for such schemes?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

- (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 135 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.07.2019 ASKED BY SHRI B.B.PATIL REGARDING "EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ECONOMICALLY BACKWARD CLASSES"

(a) Ministry of Human Resource Development is implementing following schemes for the Economically Backward Class students.

1. Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students (CSSS)

Under this scheme, scholarship is provided to the eligible meritorious students having family income less than Rs. 8.0 lakh per annum, for pursuing higher studies. The amount of scholarship is Rs. 10,000/- per annum for the first three years and Rs. 20,000/- per annum for the fourth and fifth year.

2. Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir (SSS for J&K)

Scholarship is provided to the eligible students from the State of Jammu & Kashmir, having family income less than Rs. 8.0 lakh per annum, to pursue higher studies outside the State of J&K. An amount to the tune of Rs. 1.30 lakh to Rs. 4.00 lakh per annum is provided.

3. Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme (CSIS)

Under this Scheme, full interest subsidy is provided during the moratorium period (course period plus one year), on the educational loan up to Rs. 7.5 lakh, taken by the students having annual parental income up to Rs.4.5 lakh.

4. Pragati (Scholarship for Girl Students)

This scheme aims to contribute towards the education of academically inclined girl child willing to pursue technical education and whose annual family income should not exceed Rs 8 lakh. In case of tuition fee waiver/ reimbursement, students are eligible to get an amount of Rs. 30,000/- for the purchase of books, equipment, software, laptop, desktop, vehicle and fee paid towards competitive examination's application/forms.

5. Fees Waiving in IITs

In IITs, from the academic year 2016-17, following provisions were made for protecting the interest of the socially and economically backward students while making the payment of tuition fee.

- a) The SC/ST/PH students shall get complete fee waiver.
- b) The most economically backward students (whose family income is less than Rs.1 lakh per annum) shall get full remission of the fee.
- c) The other economically backward students (whose family income is between Rs.1 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh per annum) shall get remission of 2/3rd of the fee.

6. National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education (NSIGSE)

Under this scheme in the name of the unmarried Girl student belonging to SC/ST communities, a sum of Rs.3000/- is deposited as fixed deposit on enrolment in class IX, who are entitled to withdraw it along with interest thereon reaching on 18 years of age and passing class 10th class examination

7. National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)

Under this scheme scholarships is awarded to meritorious students of economically weaker sections @ Rs. 6000/- per annum per student to arrest their drop out at class VIII and encourage them to continue the study at secondary stage. The rate of scholarship has been enhanced from Rs. 6000/- to Rs. 12000/- per year with effect from 1st April, 2017. The students whose parental income from all sources is not more than Rs. 1,50,000/- per annum are eligible to avail the scholarship. The scheme envisages award of 1,00,000 scholarships every year to the selected students of Class IX and their continuation/renewal in classes X to XII for study in a State Government, Government-aided and Local body schools.

For advancement of Economically Weaker Sections of the society, and as per the Constitution 103rd Amendment Act 2019, Government has issued orders providing 10 percent reservation to EWS categories in admission to educational institutions.

(b) The details of funds allocated and utilized is as under:

Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students			
S.No.	Financial Year	Revised Estimate (Rs. in crore)	Disbursed Amount (Rs. in crore)
1	2016-17	249.48	247.17
2	2017-18	318	276.29
3	2018-19	339	308.52
Total:		906.48	831.98
Note: The budget is common for both "Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship of Scholarship for College and University Students" and " Special Scholarship Scheme for J&K".			

Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme (CSIS)			
S.No.	Financial Year	Revised Estimate (Rs. in crore)	Disbursed amount (Rs. in crore)
1	2016-17	1950	1950
2	2017-18	1950	1950
3	2018-19	1700	1574.74

Pragati			
S.No.	Financial Year	Allocated funds (Rs. In Lakhs)	Utilized funds (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	2016-17	2000	905.35
2	2017-18	2000	487

National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education (NSIGSE)				
S. No.	Financial Year	Revised Estimate (Rs. in Crore)	No. of Girls	Total expenditure (Rs. in Crore)
1	2016-17	45.00	147577	44.65
2	2017-18	304.00	973330	292.38
3	2018-19	192.66	548396	164.58

National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)				
S.No.	Financial Year	Revised Estimate (Rs. in crore)	No. of scholarships	Total expenditure (Rs. in crore)
1	2016-17	39.65	64426	38.91
2	2017-18	267.00	429955	265.18
3	2018-19	362.98	280330	319.17

(c) The payment for the above mentioned schemes are processed online through PFMS. The scholarship / interest subsidy is released through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.
