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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 314 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th JUNE, 2019

Scholarships for Meritorious Students

314. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the amount of scholarship for meritorious students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details regarding the scholarship given to students in various categories, category-wise;
- (c) whether it is come to the notice of the Government that it is not possible to submit the application for scholarship in time due to the default in the online uploading system;
- (d) if so, the details of the action taken/to be taken by the Government to rectify the default in the online system
- (e) whether it is also come to the notice of the Government that the eligible students are not getting the scholarship in time; and
- (f) if so, the details of the action taken by the Government to disburse the scholarship in time and issue the arrears?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank')

(a) and (b): At present there is no such proposal to increase the amount of scholarship for meritorious students.

The category-wise details of the scholarships provided to the students during the financial year 2018-19 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) are:-

| Department / Organization | Name of Scholarship Scheme | Number of Scholarships provided (fresh+ renewal) | | |
|---|---|--|--------|--------|
| Organization | | General | SC | ST |
| Department of School Education & Literacy | National Means Cum- Merit Scholarship Scheme | 1,94,356 | 43,282 | 10,984 |
| Department of Higher Education | Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University students. | 96,434 | 11,068 | 3,179 |
| | Post Graduate Scholarship for University Rank Holders | 823 | 97 | 63 |
| University Grants Commission | Post Graduate Scholarship for GATE/GPAT qualified students | 1,330 | 47 | 2 |
| (UGC) | Post Graduate Scholarship for Professional courses for Scheduled | 0 | 330 | 132 |

| | Castes and Scheduled Tribes. | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| | Ishaan Uday-Special Scholarship for | 16,028 | 1,240 | 2,702 |
| | North Eastern Region. | | | |
| | Post Graduate Scholarship for | 29,108 | 4,458 | 826 |
| | GATE/GPAT qualified candidates. | | | |
| All India Council | Saksham Scholarship Scheme for | 126 | 12 | 13 |
| for Technical | differently abled students. | | | |
| Education | Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu | 10,542 | 996 | 1,045 |
| (AICTE) | & Kashmir | | | |

- (c) & (d): The scholarship schemes are implemented through online mode, no specific grievances regarding default in the online uploading system has been received.
- (e) and (f): The Government has taken several steps for timely disbursal of scholarships. Technology is being used extensively, complete process of scholarship has been made online, scholarship amount is being disbursed directly into the beneficiary's bank account through Direct Benefit Transfer mode.