

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4812
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.7.2019**

Scholarship for Differently Abled Students

4812: SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.

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

- (a) the details of the assistance provided by the Government to the States for disabled students so as to enable them to go for higher studies during the last three years;
- (b) whether the number of disabled students getting scholarships/assistance for higher studies is low across the country; and
- (c) if so, the action taken by the Government to increase the number of beneficiaries?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is implementing the Central Sector umbrella Scheme of Scholarships for Students with Disabilities (SwDs) for higher studies of disabled students with the following components:

- 1) Post-matric Scholarship for SwDs (For Class XI to Post-graduate Degree/Diploma)
- 2) Top Class Education Scholarship for SwDs (For Graduate and Post-graduate Degree/Diploma in notified Institutes of excellence in Education).
- 3) National Overseas Scholarship (For Master's Degree/Ph.D. in Foreign Universities).
- 4) National Fellowship for PwDs (For M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Indian Universities).
- 5) Free Coaching for SwDs (For recruitment examinations for Group A & B posts and entrance examinations for admission to technical and professional courses).

Under the above scheme there is no provision to release the funds to the States. The scholarship amount is released directly to students in their bank account through DBT mode.

The details of funds released to students with disabilities for higher studies during last three years are at **Annexure**.

- (b) No, Sir. The number of students with disabilities getting scholarship has shown an increasing trend from a low of 306 students during 2014-15 to that of 23852 students in 2018-19.
- (c) Not applicable in view of answer to (b) above.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART-A TO THE
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ANNEXURE

Details of the beneficiaries covered and funds released under the scheme of "Scholarships for Students with Disabilities" during the last 5 years							
(Amount in Rs. lakh)							
S.No.	Name of Scholarship Scheme	Year	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
1.	Post-matric	No. of beneficiaries	0	3565	6281	7657	22953
		Amount	0	321.39	981.98	1491.55	5638.62
2.	Top Class Education	No. of beneficiaries	0	14	42	37	78
		Amount	0	23.85	86.07	66.83	106.09
3.	National Fellowship for SwDs	No. of beneficiaries	306	527	589	666	566
		Amount	1324.52	1996.68	1925.63	3024.48	4269.94
4.	National Overseas Scholarship	No. of beneficiaries	0	0	2	3	5
		Amount	0	0	37.98	70.23	107.83
5.	Free Coaching for SwDs	No. of beneficiaries	0	0	0	250	250
		Amount	0	0	0	87.22	137.9
Total:		No. of beneficiaries	306	4106	6914	8613	23852
		Amount	1324.52	2341.92	3031.66	4740.31	10260.38
