

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 1899
ANSWERED ON-19.12.2022**

**Scholarship/Fellowships Incentive Schemes for
Girls from Scheduled Tribes and Rural Areas**

1899. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of **EDUCATION** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a scholarship and fellowship incentive scheme for girl child for Schedule Tribes and rural areas in the country;
- (b) whether it is true that the Government proposes to stop such scholarships;
- (c) whether the nil budget is allocated for 2022- 23 against Rs.110 crore for 2020-21; and
- (d) the reasons in detail for stopping such support to children?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) and (b): The Central Sector Scheme 'National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme' was launched in 2008, with the objective to award scholarships to meritorious students of economically weaker sections to arrest their drop out at class VIII and encourage them to continue their education at secondary stage. One lakh fresh scholarships @ Rs. 12000/- per annum per student are awarded to selected students of class IX every year and their continuation / renewal in classes X to XII for study in State Government, Government-aided and Local body schools under the scheme.

Students whose parental income from all sources is not more than Rs. 3,50,000/- per annum are eligible to avail the scholarships. The students must have minimum of 55 % marks or equivalent grade in Class VII examination for appearing in selection test for award of scholarship (**relaxable by 5% for SC/ST students**). The students should be studying as regular students in a Government, Government-aided and local body schools. There is reservation as per State

Government norms. A total number of 176997 Students belonging to ST categories have benefited from this scheme since inception.

(c) and (d): Several measures for education of girls are being implemented through the flagship scheme of Samagra Shiksha being operated by this Department which has a financial commitment of Rs. 11040.61 crores and Rs. 12964.85 crores for FY 2021-22 and for FY 2022-23 respectively is as under :-

| The details of funds sanctioned under Samagra Shiksha for FY 2021-22 and 2022-23 | | |
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| | (Rs. in Crore) | |
| Components | FY 2021-22 | FY 2022-23 |
| Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) | 2433.76 | 3834.76 |
| Rani Laxmi Bai Atmaraksha Prashikshan (Self defense training to Girls) | 116.58 | 321.89 |
| Transport Allowance Approved under Samagra Shiksha (includes Children in remote habitation, Urban deprived children and transport allowances, transport voucher under innovation head etc.) | 171.24 | 402.74 |
| Uniforms to all girls, SC, ST children and Below Poverty Line (BPL) children up to class VIII | 4919.52 | 4663.58 |
| Provision of free text-books up to Class VIII to all children | 2860.56 | 3006.38 |
| Stipend for CwSN Girls | 122.58 | 116.10 |
| Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose (NSCB) Awasiya Vidyalayas and Hostels | 360.25 | 558.58 |
| Incinerator & Sanitary Pad Vending Machines | 56.12 | 60.82 |
