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National Talent Search Scheme 2019 to 2021

2017 **SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of scholarships awarded under the National Talent Search Scheme (NTSS) in the years 2019 to 2021, year-wise;
- (b) whether the NTSS has helped the NCERT to identify talented students;
- (c) whether the Government is continuing the National Talent Search Scheme; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for its discontinuation?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

- (a) The details of scholarships awarded under National Talent Search Scheme(NTSS) in the years 2019 to 2021, year-wise; are as under:

Year wise	Number of candidates finally selected for award of scholarship					
	Gen	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	Total
2018-19	918	331	159	695	-	2103
2019-20	818	318	154	569	201	2060
2020-21	811	304	155	561	202	2033

- (b) Yes, NTSS helped the NCERT to identify talented students. Many of NTS awardees are working on the leading positions in various reputed organizations around the globe.

(c&d) The NTSS is a Central Sector Scheme fully funded by Ministry of Education. The NTSS was approved for continuation in its present shape/form till 31.03.2021 and it has been decided to redesign the scheme to ensure that the objective of identifying and nurturing the talent is effectively met.
