

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2995
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 20/03/2023

PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP

2995. SHRI ABHISHEK BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government has commissioned a study to gauge the effects of Pre-Matric scholarships for classes I to VIII on drop-out rates; and

(b) whether the increased enrolment in classes I to VIII is representative of the Scheduled Tribe populations?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a): The Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs covers the ST students studying in Class IX and X and does not cover student of Class I to VIII.

The scheme has been conceptualized with the objective of supporting parents of scheduled tribe students for education of their wards studying in classes IX and X so that the incidence of drop out, especially in transition from the elementary to secondary and during the second stage of education is minimized; and to improve participation of ST students in classes IX and X of PreMatric stage, so that they perform well and have a better chance of progressing to Post-Matric stages of education. Evaluation study of Pre-Matric Scholarship conducted by NITI Aayog in 2021 and Indian Institute of Public Administration(IIPA) in September 2019 has found that the scheme has been successful in achieving its objective.

(b): Department of Schools Education and Literacy under Ministry of Education is the nodal Department for providing Universal access to quality education through its autonomous/Statutory bodies, i.e. CBSE, KVS, JNV, NIOS and NCTE and its centrally sponsored scheme of Samagra Shiksha, PM Poshan, PadhnaLikhna Abhiyan and central sector scheme of National Means cum Merit Scholarships. The report of Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) Plus published by Ministry of Education, shows that Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) for ST students in 2019-20 for class I to VIII is 102.08, which confirms that increased enrolment in classes I to VIII is also representative of the Scheduled Tribe populations. Likewise the GER at Senior Secondary (classes IX-X) level has increased from 62.4% in 2012-13 to 76.7% in 2019-20.
