

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- †3177**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 20/03/2023

**SCHOLARSHIP TO ST**

†3177. SHRI HAJI FAZLUR REHMAN:

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

(a) Whether the Government has taken any decision to increase the amount of scholarship provided to the students belonging to Scheduled Tribes and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the number of scholarships provided to the students along with total amount of funds released during each of the last three years and current year?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) :Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing the following ongoing scholarship schemes for the ST students:-

**i. Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students:-** It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented through respective State/UT administrations. This is an open-ended Scheme covering all ST students studying in Std. IXth & Xth, whose parental annual income is up to Rs. 2.50 lakhs. Ministry has revised the rates of scholarship under Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme with effect from December 2019 as below:-

	Earlier rate of scholarship (for 10 months)	Revised rate of Scholarship (for10 months)
Day Scholars	Rs.150/-per month	Rs.225/-per month
Hostelers	Rs.350/-per month	Rs.525/-per month

**ii. Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students:-** It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented through respective State/UT administrations. This is an open-ended Scheme covering all ST students studying in in class XI and above, whose parental annual income is up to Rs. 2.50 lakhs. There are two scholarship components in the Scheme, i.e., fee component and stipend. The fee component is decided by the respective State Level Fee Fixation Committee of the State.

**iii. National Scholarship Scheme for Higher Education of ST Students (earlier known as Top Class Scholarship Scheme)**:- Under this Scheme, Scholarship is provided for pursuing Graduate/ Post Graduate courses in the selected top-class Government and Non-Government Institutes in professional fields such as Management, Medicine, Engineering, Information Technology, Law etc. All ST students, with annual parental income of less than 6 lakhs per annum and studying in the 252 such notified institutes are eligible to receive scholarship. The rate of scholarship under the National Scholarship component is revised with effect from 01.04.2022 as detailed below:-

Particulars	Earlier rate of Scholarship	Revised rate of Scholarship
Stipend	Rs.26,400/- per annum	Rs.36,000/-per annum
Books and Stationary	Rs.3,000/- per annum	Rs.5,000/-per annum

In addition, admission fees, tuition fees & other non-refundable charges are paid as per actuals. One time financial assistance of Rs.45,000/-is given for laptop/computer.

**iv. National Fellowship Scheme for Higher Education of ST Students**:-

It is a Central Sector Scheme, fully funded by Ministry of Tribal Affairs to grant scholarship to meritorious ST students for pursuing M.Phil or Ph.D in India after completion of Master degree. 750 fresh fellowships for M.Phil/ M.Phil+PhD/ Ph.D every year. Ministry has revised the rate of fellowship under the National Fellowship component with effect from 01.04.2022 as below:-

Course	Earlier rate of fellowship	Revised rate of fellowship
M.Phil (2 years)	Rs.25,000/-per month	Rs.31,000/-per month
Ph.D (5 years)	Rs.25,000/- per month for first 2 years Rs.28,000/-per month for next 3 years	Rs.31,000/- per month for first 2 years Rs.35,000/- per month for next 3 years

In addition, HRA at UGC rates [8% or 16% or 24% based on city) and contingency allowance ranging from Rs.10,000/ -to Rs.25,000/-based on the course of research is paid.

**v. National Overseas Scholarship for ST students:** -It is a Central Sector Scheme of Ministry of Tribal Affairs under which scholarships are given to meritorious Schedule Tribe (ST) students for pursuing higher education in reputed Institutes/ Universities abroad. The Scheme is implemented through Indian Embassies/ Missions, Ministry of External Affairs. 20 awards are given every year. ST students with parental income up to 6 lakhs per annum are eligible to apply for the Scholarship under the Scheme. Under the scheme, there is no cap on the fee. Tuition fees and other non-refundable compulsory fees, Visa fee, cost of air passage, Poll Tax, Medical Insurance Premium etc are paid as per actuals.

**(b):** The details of fund released and number of beneficiaries for the last three years and current year is given in **Annexure-I**.

**Annexure-I  
(Rs. Crores)**

<b>Details of Fund Released and Number of Beneficiaries during last three years and current FY 2022-23 (till 10.03.2023) under Scholarship Schemes</b>										
<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Pre-Matric Scholarship</b>		<b>Post-Matric Scholarship</b>		<b>National Scholarship Scheme</b>		<b>National Fellowship Scheme</b>		<b>National Overseas Scholarship</b>	
	<b>Fund Released</b>	<b>No. of Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Fund Released</b>	<b>No. of Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Fund Released</b>	<b>No. of Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Fund Released</b>	<b>No. of Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Fund Released</b>	<b>No. of Beneficiaries</b>
2019-20	439.99	1451369	1862.65	2066667	19.00	1914	81.00	2552	2.00	29
2020-21	248.90	1345904	1830.14	1933172	29.30	2449	90.70	2625	4.76	30
2021-22	394.14	1436059	2256.81	2308208	35.17	2751	84.83	2693	4.95	46
2022-23 (up to 10.03.2023)	318.73	1157227	1953.59	2336178	34.47	2828	105.34	2866	2.18	27

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