

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3411
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2023**

PRE MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR OBCs, EBCs AND DNTs

3411. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

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

- (a) whether the budgetary allocation for pre-matric scholarships for Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) and De-Notified Tribes (DNTs) have been slashed, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (b) the details of a tangible plan to widen the ambit of marginalised communities and include as many beneficiaries as possible to provide education for marginalised communities?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)**

(a): No, Sir. The budget provision for financial year 2021-22 under the Scheme of Pre Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) and De-Notified Tribes (DNTs) was Rs. 250.00 crore. Whereas in financial year 2022-23, the budget provision is Rs. 394.61 crore.

(b): Pre Matric Scholarship scheme for OBCs, EBCs and DNTs has been revised in 2021-22 with an objective to cover approx 5.67 crore students under the scheme during the period of five year over the XV Finance Commission Cycle.
