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.

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