

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 5089**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 03/04/2023

**SCHOLARSHIP AT PRIMARY LEVEL**

5089. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN: SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

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

- (a) whether there any scholarship schemes for the Schedule Tribe students at the primary school level, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of higher education and foreign education scholarships have been given by the Government for the welfare of ST students under different schemes;
- (c) the budgetary expenditure for the last five years for such schemes; and
- (d) the details of students from Scheduled Tribe who dominates district of Jharkhand and have been benefited under this scheme?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

**(a):** The Ministry of Tribal Affairs gives scholarship to ST students from Class IX & X under Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme whose parental annual income is up to Rs.2.50 lakhs.

**(b):** Details of higher education and foreign education scholarships implemented by the M/o Tribal Affairs for the welfare of ST students is as under:

**(1) Post Matric Scholarship for ST students (Class XI and above):** It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented through respective Ste/UT administrations. This is an open-ended Scheme covering all ST students studying in class XI and above, whose parental annual income is up to Rs. 2.50 lakhs. The contribution from Government of India is 75% and the state contribution is 25%. In respect of North East states and hilly states, the contribution from Government of India is 90% and the state contribution is 10%. In case of UTs like Andaman & Nicobar without Legislative Assembly and own grants, Govt. of India's contribution is 100%.

**(2) National Scholarship Scheme:** Under this Central Sector Scheme, Scholarship is provided to ST for pursuing Graduate/Post Graduate courses in the 252 notified top class institutes such as Management, Medicine, Engineering, Information Technology, Law etc, whose annual parental income is upto RS. 6 lakhs.

**(3) National Fellowship Scheme for Higher Education of ST Students:** Under this Central Sector scheme, scholarship is provided to 1000 meritorious ST students every year for pursuing M.Phil or Ph.D in India.

**(4) National Overseas Scholarship for ST students:** It is a Central Sector Scheme scholarships are given to 20 meritorious Schedule Tribe (ST) students every year for pursuing higher education in reputed Institutes/Universities abroad, whose parental income is up to Rs.6 lakhs per annum.

**(c):** Details of fund released during last five years under above mentioned 4 higher education and foreign education scholarships schemes is given below:

S. No.	Scheme Name	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
		Rs in Crore				
1	Post Matric Scholarship	1463.87	1646.98	1862.65	1830.14	2256.81
2	National fellowship and Scholarship Scheme					
A	National Scholarship	29.77	17.89	19.00	29.30	35.17
B	National Fellowship	70.22	82.09	81.00	90.7	84.83
3	National Overseas Scholarship	1.00	2.00	2.00	4.76	4.95

**(d):** The tribe wise details of scholarships disbursed in a district/state is not maintained by Ministry. However, the number of beneficiaries for the State of Jharkhand during last 5 years under Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme is given below:-

Financial Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
No. of beneficiaries	73385	76782	79823	78755	94506

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