

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

**STARRED QUESTION NO.271
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2023**

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES FOR SC & OBC STUDENTS

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

- (a) the details of various scholarship schemes being implemented by the Government for the students belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs);
- (b) the details of scholarships being provided to the students belonging to the SCs and OBCs since 2019 till date; and
- (c) the names of various castes along with the time since when these were accorded the status of OBC in the country, State-wise including Assam and North-Eastern States?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply of part (a) to (c) in respect of Lok Sabha Starred Question no. 271 asked by Shri Naba Kumar Sarania for answer on 08.08.2023

(a) Yes Sir. The Department is implementing various Scholarship Schemes for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) students, the details of which are as follows:

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Details of the Scheme
1	Pre- matric scholarships scheme for SC students and others	Pre- matric scholarships scheme for SC students and others is a Centrally sponsored scheme under which Scholarships (academic allowance) are provided to SC students studying in classes IX and X whose parents' annual income does not exceed Rs. 2.5 lakhs per annum.
2	Post matric scholarships to the students belonging to scheduled castes for studies in India (PMS-SC)	PMS-SC is a Centrally sponsored scheme under which Scholarships (tuition fee and academic allowance) are provided to SC students studying at the post matric stage whose parents' annual income does not exceed Rs. 2.5 lakhs per annum.
3	Scholarship for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS)	An umbrella Central sector scheme comprising of four components: i. <u>Free Coaching Scheme for SC and OBC students:</u> The objective of the Scheme is to provide coaching of good quality for economically disadvantaged Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) candidates to enable them to appear in competitive examinations and succeed in obtaining an appropriate job in Public/Private Sector. ii. <u>National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) for SC etc. Candidates:</u> Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to 125 selected students, SCs (115 slots), De-notified Tribes, Nomadic Tribes and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (6 slots), Landless agricultural labourers and traditional artisans (4 slots) categories for pursuing Masters and Ph.D level courses abroad. iii. <u>National Fellowship Scheme for SCs:</u> Under this scheme fellowship is provided to SC students for pursuing Higher Education leading to M.Phil/Ph.D degrees in Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences in Indian Universities/Colleges/Institutions recognized by UGC. iv. <u>Top Class Scholarship Scheme for SCs:</u> The Scheme aims at recognizing and promoting quality education amongst students belonging to SCs, by providing full financial support. The scheme covers SC students for pursuing studies beyond 12 th class whose total family income doesn't exceed Rs. 8 lakh per annum. Presently 259 Higher Education Institutes such as IITs/IIMs/NITs, AIIMS, NIFTs, NIDs, NLUs, IHMs, CUs and Institutes of National importance, NAAC A++ accredited institutes and Institutions under top 100 National Institutional ranking framework (NIRF) are covered.

4	PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India (PM –YASASVI)	<p>An Umbrella Scheme for providing scholarships to BC students having following four scholarship components:</p> <p>i. <u>Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students</u>:- The objective of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT students (who are not covered under SC, ST or OBC) is welfare and motivation to the children of these categories by providing financial assistance at pre matriculation or secondary stage.</p> <p>ii. <u>Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students</u>: The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the OBC, EBC and DNT students studying at post-matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education.</p> <p>iii. <u>Top Class School Education for OBC, EBC and DNT Students</u>: The objective of the scheme is to provide premium education to the meritorious students belonging to OBC, EBC and DNT categories by funding their education from Class 9 onwards till they complete Class 12.</p> <p>iv. <u>Top Class College Education for OBC, EBC and DNT Students</u>: The objective of the scheme is to recognize and promote quality education amongst Students belonging to OBC, EBC and DNT categories by providing full financial support. The Scheme covers OBC/EBC/DNT students for pursuing studies beyond class XIIth.</p>
5	National Fellowship for OBC Students (NF-OBC)	The scheme aims at providing financial assistance to the OBC students in obtaining quality higher education leading to degrees such as M.Phil and Ph.D in universities, research institutions and scientific institutions.

(b) The details of Central assistance released and number of beneficiaries covered under the various aforementioned schemes of SCs and OBCs is annexed at **Annexure I** and **Annexure II** respectively.

(c) The State-wise details of number of castes along with the time since when these were accorded the status of OBC in the country is attached at **Annexure-III**.

Annexure I

Annexure referred to in reply of part (b) in respect of Lok Sabha Starred Question no. 271 asked by Shri Naba Kumar Sarania for answer on 08.08.2023

Details of Central funds released and beneficiaries covered since 2019 (As on 04.08.2023):
SC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students

Year	Central Assistance (Rs.in crore)	Number of beneficiaries (in lakhs)
2019-20	352.89	28.09
2020-21	569.03	29.65
2021-22	509.34	29.81
2022-23*	262.93	13.91

*Release of Central Assistance for students of FY2022-23 is still in process and final figures of release may be compiled after completion of the process

Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students

Year	Central Assistance (Rs.in crore)	Number of beneficiaries (in lakhs)
2019-20	2711.30	52.80
2020-21	4008.60	62.37
2021-22	4546.96	54.71
2022-23*	2724.20	29.90

*Release of Central Assistance for students of FY2022-23 is still in process and final figures of release may be compiled after completion of the process

Top Class Education Scheme for SCs (SHREYAS)

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in crore)	Number of beneficiaries
2019-20	39.70	1375
2020-21	52.00	3118
2021-22	84.00	4544
2022-23	85.67	4171

Free Coaching Scheme for SCs and OBCs (SHREYAS)

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in crore)	Number of beneficiaries
2019-20	13.26	1345
2020-21	11.96	2112
2021-22	14.98	1761
2022-23	18.40	558

National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for SCs etc. (SHREYAS)

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in crore)	Number of beneficiaries
2019-20	28.56	100
2020-21	32.92	100
2021-22	49.07	125
2022-23	86.59	125

National Fellowship for SC Students (SHREYAS)

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in crore)	Fellowships awarded
2019-20	246.66	2366*
2020-21	118.99	4841*(merged cycle)
2021-22	122.39	1932*(merged cycle)
2022-23	114.25	1612*(merged cycle Dec 2021 & June 2022) + 260 (CSIR June 2022)

Annexure II**OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES SCHOLARSHIPS****(Rs. in lakhs)**

S.No.	Name of Scheme	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
		Expenditure	Expenditure	Expenditure	Expenditure	Expenditure
1.	Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT students	20157.31	16591.37	21828.90	36137.90	0
2.	Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT students	129932.88	115924.91	132013.67	100561.28	11961.00
3.	Central Sector Scheme of Top Class Education in Schools for OBC, EBC and DNT Students (w.e.f. 2022-23)	NEW SCHEME			185.00	0
4.	Central Sector Scheme of Top Class Education in College for OBC, EBC and DNT Students (w.e.f. 2023-24)				---	0
5.	National Fellowship for OBC Students	5250.00	3300.00	5555.00	5132.00	2739.00

Annexure III

Annexure referred to in reply of part (c) in respect of Lok Sabha Starred Question no. 271 asked by Shri Naba Kumar Sarania for answer on 08.08.2023

Number of Castes in Central List of OBCs – State-wise

Sl.No.	State	No. of Caste	Since when included
1	Andaman and Nicobar	5	All these Castes were included in the Central List of OBCs during the period from 1993 to 2016.
2	Andhra Pradesh	104	
3	Assam	28	
4	Bihar	131	
5	Chandigarh	60	
6	Chattisgarh	67	
7	Daman and Diu	44	
8	Dadar and Nagar Haveli	10	
9	Delhi	57	
10	Goa	17	
11	Gujarat	104	
12	Haryana	73	
13	Himachal Pradesh	53	
14	Jammu and Kashmir	23	
15	Jharkhand	134	
16	Karnataka	199	
17	Kerala	81	
18	Madhya Pradesh	68	
19	Maharashtra	256	
20	Manipur	4	
21	Odisha	198	
22	Puducherry	59	
23	Punjab	65	
24	Rajasthan	68	
25	Sikkim	8	
26	Tamilnadu	181	
27	Tripura	41	
28	Uttar Pradesh	76	
29	Uttarakhand	78	
30	West Bengal	98	
31	Telengana	86	
	Total	2476	

Detail information on the Castes are placed in the website of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) <http://www.ncbc.nic.in/user_panel/centralliststateview.aspx> to enable access by anyone interested in doing so.
