

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1766
ANSWERED ON-31/07/2023

ENHANCE EDUCATION AMONG TRIBALS

1766. MS. CHANDRANI MURMU:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the various schemes of the Government to enhance education among tribals;
- (b) the percentage of tribal population having graduation degree; and
- (c) the details of the fund allocated and spent for promoting education in tribal areas particularly in the Odisha, district-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) The initiative of Government to enhance education of Scheduled Tribe (ST) students has facilitated an appreciable increase in the enrolment of ST students to 24.1 Lakh in 2020-21 from 16.41 Lakh in 2014-15. The steps taken by the Government inter-alia include:

- i. Government is implementing various fellowship and scholarship schemes for providing financial assistance to students including tribal students. The details of these schemes are available in the following websites:

Sl. No.	Ministry/Department	Website links
1.	Department of Higher Education	https://www.education.gov.in/pm-usp-scholarships-education-loan
2.	University Grants Commission	https://frg.ugc.ac.in
3.	All India Council for Technical Education	https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/rifd/Scholarship-Schemes
4.	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	https://socialjustice.gov.in/scheme-cat
5.	Ministry of Tribal Affairs	https://tribal.nic.in/ScholarshiP.aspx

- ii. Ministry of Tribal Affairs is administering the Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) to provide quality upper primary, secondary, and senior secondary level education (Class 6th to 12th) to Scheduled Tribe (ST) students in remote tribal areas to enable them to access the best opportunities in education and to bring them at par

- with the general population.
- iii. Providing remedial Coaching to Students in Higher Education, including tribal students, to improve their knowledge, academic skills and linguistic proficiency.
 - iv. Providing certain relaxations in eligibility conditions in UGC-Junior Research Fellowship.
 - v. Conducting Special Coaching Classes for National Eligibility Test/State Eligibility Test.
 - vi. Established two Central Tribal Universities namely the Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Madhya Pradesh and Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh with a view to provide avenues of Higher Education and research facilities, primarily for the tribal population of the country.
 - vii. Hostels are constructed for SC/ST students under the AICTE scheme of Campus Accommodation & Facilities Enhancing Social Experience (CAFES).
 - viii. Examinations like JEE, NEET etc are being conducted in 13 Indian languages.
 - ix. Textbooks for professional courses like Engineering and Law are being translated in Indian languages. Some Universities have started imparting Engineering courses in Indian languages.

(b) As per the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), 4.43 Lakh Scheduled Tribe students have graduated in the year 2020.

(c) Rs. 7131.53 Crore has been released under Tribal Sub Plan of the Ministry of Education for the year 2022-23. Fund released under Tribal Sub Plan for major schemes of the Ministry is as under:

Scheme	All India (Rs. in crore)	Odisha (Rs. in crore)
PM Poshan	1337.37	168.11
Samgra Shiksha	3401.09	413.70

Ministry of Tribal Affairs has-reported the following released under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for year 2022-23:

Scheme	All India (Rs. in crore)	Odisha (Rs. in crore)
Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST Students	357.3	93.97
Post-Matric Scholarship for ST Students	1964.65	171.33
