FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MERITORIOUS STUDENTS UNDER PM-USP CSSS

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides financial assistance under Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan (Central Sector Scheme for Scholarship), PM-USP (CSSS) to meritorious students who pursue distance learning courses after their class XII Board Examination;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the scholarships awarded till 2023, particularly to girls under the said scheme;

(d) the data on the total beneficiaries of the said scheme from the States of Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha and Madhya Pradesh; and

(e) whether the Government is planning to increase the scholarship amount at the graduation level considering the expenses of students studying in metropolitan cities?
(a) to (c): The Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education provides financial assistance under Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan Yojna Central Sector Scheme for Scholarship for students of universities and colleges (PM-USP-CSSS) for pursuing regular degree courses. The details of the scholarships awarded under this scheme, separately for the girl students during the last six years may be accessed at https://www.education.gov.in/parl_ques.

(d) The details of the beneficiaries of the said scheme from the States of Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha and Madhya Pradesh for the last 6 years may be accessed at https://www.education.gov.in/parl_ques.

(e) Yes sir. From the Academic Year 2022-23, the scholarship amount provided under the scheme has been enhanced from Rs. 10000 to Rs. 12000 per annum for the first three years of College and University courses. For the fourth and fifth year of courses, scholarship amount is Rs. 20000 per annum.

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