

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3124  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2023**

**PMS FOR SC STUDENTS**

**3124. SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any data regarding the outcomes of Post-Matric Scholarship (PMS) Scheme for Scheduled Caste (SC) students in terms of enrolment, retention and completion rates;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and utilized under the said scheme in the State of West Bengal during the last four years; and
- (d) the number of SC students provided with the scholarship under the scheme in West Bengal during the said period?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SHRI A. NARAYANASWAMY)**

(a) & (b): Data regarding the outcomes of Post-Matric Scholarship (PMS) Scheme for Scheduled Caste (SC) students (PMS-SC) in terms of enrolment, retention and completion rate is not maintained by this Department because PMS-SC is a Centrally Sponsored Scholarships Scheme being implemented through the State Governments/UT Administrations.

(c) & (d): The details of the Central funds allocated & utilized and number of SC students provided with the scholarship under the Post-Matric Scholarship (PMS) Scheme for Scheduled Caste (SC) students in the State of West Bengal during the last four years are as follows:

<b>FY</b>	<b>Central funds allocated (Rs. in cr)</b>	<b>Central funds utilized (Rs. in cr)</b>	<b>No. of beneficiaries (in lakh)</b>
2019-20	Not Released as the demand was within committed liability		5.18
2020-21	128.71	128.66	6.77
2021-22	112.26	112.26	4.93
2022-23	63.36	63.36	2.73

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