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Free Education to Girl Child in CBSE

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide free education in Central Board to benefit the families having limited number of children or the families who have only one/two daughters;
- (b) whether priority is accorded to single girl child in her admission in Private and Government Schools;
- (c) if so, the details of the rule applicable thereof;
- (d) the names of the existing schemes for single girl child studying in Private and Government Schools; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to provide free higher education to single girl children?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (d):- Education is part of concurrent list in the Indian Constitution and management of most schools in the country is in the domain of States/UTs. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) provides scholarships to the meritorious Single Girl Students, who are the only child of their parents (including all girl children born as one of the twins born together); and have passed the CBSE Class X Examination with 60% or more marks and are continuing their further education of Class XI and XII in a CBSE affiliated school. Tuition fee should not be more than Rs. 1,500/- per month in Class X and 10% enhancement for Class XI and XII.

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) also gives admission to two girl students per section in Class-I under 'Single Girl Child' category in all the KVs. These admissions are above the section strength. Girl Children admitted under 'Single Girl Child' category are exempted from paying fees. (Not entitled if the parent has the provision to reimburse fee).

(e): Department of Higher Education (DoHE) is implementing the Pradhan Mantri Uchchar Shiksha Protsahan [PM-USP], Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students (CSSS). Under the PM-USP CSSS scheme, 50% scholarship slots are earmarked for the girl students pursuing higher education. The details of the scheme are available in the Ministry's website: <https://www.education.gov.in/en/pm-usp-scholarships-education-loan> .