

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1182**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2024

**NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY**

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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government celebrates National Girl Child Day to create awareness about the rights of the girl child, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is also implementing the National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is implementing scholarship schemes for Single Girl Child etc.;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including features, amount, numbers of beneficiaries so far, State-wise;
- (e) whether the amount and number of scholarships under these schemes are not sufficient and there is need for increasing it; and
- (f) if so, the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) 24<sup>th</sup> January is celebrated as National Girl Child Day every year by the Government across the country involving activities denoting the importance of girl child. National Girl Child Day is celebrated to bring to centre stage the important issues faced by the girl child and to spread awareness about gender issues amongst the various sections of society. The objective is to undertake widespread sensitization on important issues pertaining to survival, welfare, development and empowerment of the girl child. Various activities, such as community sensitization/mobilization programs through conferences / webinars / interaction on gender sensitive issues, felicitation of performing districts under BBBP, plantation drives, wall painting competitions, quiz competitions, acknowledging and celebrating local champions at the district in the fields of education, sports, social welfare etc., are organized each year on the occasion of National Girl Child Day.

(b) The National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education Scheme has been discontinued with effect from the year 2018-19 due to inherent issues in the design and implementation of the scheme.

(c) to (f) The National Scholarships Portal (NSP) is maintained by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeITY). The NSP provides a common portal for various scholarships schemes of different Ministries, Departments and Autonomous Bodies of the Central Government and State Governments who have on boarded their schemes on this portal. It avoids duplication in processing and sends the scholarships through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode to the recipients of scholarships. These details can be accessed at <https://nsp.gov.in/dashboard/>. As per information provided by the NIC of NSP, the central government schemes and state-wise details of scholarships awarded through the NSP during the last three years may also be accessed at [https://www.education.gov.in/parl\\_ques](https://www.education.gov.in/parl_ques).

The Government has implemented various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every strata, including minorities, especially the economically weaker and lesser privileged sections of the society, through various schemes of different Ministries such as Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has Pre-Matric scholarships scheme for Scheduled castes/OBC students and others, Post Matric scholarship for SC students, scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers scheme (SHREYAS) OBC and others(2021-22 to 2025-26) and scholarship for PM Cares children.

The Government is implementing various scholarship schemes for providing financial assistance to all categories of students including Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST). The details of these schemes including the number of slots, assistance offered and eligibility criteria are available in the following websites:

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

Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) provides post matric scholarship to eligible Scheduled Tribe students for pursuing vocational courses like ITI and 3-year Diploma courses in Polytechnic institutes.

Further, under the Pradhan Mantri Uchchar Shiksha Protsahan (PM-USP) Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh of the Ministry of

Education, scholarship is provided to the students including SC and ST, having domicile of UT of J&K and Ladakh and pursuing Graduation after completion of 12<sup>th</sup> class or Diploma in Engineering from Polytechnic Institutes recognized by Directorate of Technical Education, J&K and Ladakh.

Moreover, in the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), in order to increase and encourage women participation in vocational skilling, the Directorate General of Training (DGT) has waived off tuition and exam fee for women candidates who undergo training under Craft Instructor Training Scheme (CITS) / Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) in National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) from session 2023-24 onwards.

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