

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1216
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2019**

Identifying Intellectual Students

1216. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering or has taken steps to modify or to add more opportunity to increase the participation of highly intellectual students in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of students in order to identify the talented students and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) and (b) The Government of India has recently considered the proposal to enhance the number of scholarship under National Talent Search scheme from 1000 to 2000 for a period of two years from 2018-19 to 2019-20, as per existing norms. The scholarship under the present scheme is awarded to the candidates for pursuing courses in science and social science up to doctoral level and in professional courses like medicine and engineering up to second-degree level subject to fulfilment of conditions of the scheme. As on date 2000 scholarships are awarded in the country with reservation of 15 percent for Scheduled Castes, 7.5 percent for Scheduled Tribes and 27 percent for Other Backward Classes and 4 percent for group of students with benchmark disabilities.
