

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2268  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

**Post Matric Scholarships for SC/ST Students**

**2268. SHRI THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOL:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the budgetary allocation to the Post Matric Scholarship provided to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes students has been drastically reduced this year by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to enhance the said amount?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank')**

(a): The Post Matric scholarship schemes for Schedule Caste and Schedule Tribe students are being implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) respectively. As per information received from them, the status is as follows: -

**Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment:-** Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarships to the Students belonging to Scheduled Castes for Studies in India, during the year 2018-19, Rs. 3,000 crore was allocated. Further, keeping in view of the pending arrears under the scheme, additional allocation of Rs. 3,000 crore was also made. In the financial year 2019-20, Rs. 2,926.82 crore has been allocated based on the requirements of States/Union Territories implementing the scheme.

**Ministry of Tribal Affairs:-** The budgetary allocation for the Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe Students scheme during 2018-19 was Rs. 1643.03 crore, while the budgetary allocation during the current financial year is Rs. 1613.50 crore. During the year, based on further requirement, the budget is revised accordingly with the approval of Department of Expenditure.

(b) and (c): Do not arise.

\*\*\*\*