

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3313
TO BE REPLIED ON 09.12.2019

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP OF ST STUDENTS

3313. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:
DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:
KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of schemes currently being run by the Ministry for the tribal students;
- (b) the details of funds allocated during the last three years to implement the National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students and National Overseas Scholarship for ST candidates for studying abroad;
- (c) the details of grants released, expenditure incurred and the number of ST candidates awarded the Fellowship under National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST students for the last three years;
- (d) the number and details of ST candidates awarded the scholarship annually for pursuing M.Phil, Ph.D and M.Phil plus Ph.D during the last three years; and
- (e) the details of the concrete steps taken by the Government to ensure that the fellowship amount is released to students in time directly into their accounts by DBT mode?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

- (a) This Ministry implements the following schemes for Scheduled Tribe students in the States/UTs in the country:-
 - i) Pre-Matric Scholarships for ST students
 - ii) Post-Matric Scholarships for ST students
 - iii) National Fellowship & Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students
 - iv) National Overseas Scholarships for ST students for studying abroad
 - v) Grants in aid to Voluntary Organizations Working for the Welfare of Scheduled Tribes
 - vi) Strengthening Education among ST Girls in Low Literacy Districts
 - vii) Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India
 - viii) Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS)
 - ix) Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS)
 - x) Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups(PVTGs)

- (b) The details of funds allocated under the scheme National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students and National Overseas Scholarship for ST candidates for studying abroad during the last three years are as under:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students					
2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
BE	RE	BE	RE	BE	RE
5000.00	8000.00	12000.00	10000.00	10000.00	10000.00

BE: Budget Estimates

RE: Revised Estimates

(Rs. in lakhs)

National Overseas Scholarship for ST candidates for studying abroad					
2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
BE	RE	BE	RE	BE	RE
100.00	39.00	100.00	100.00	200.00	200.00

BE: Budget Estimates

RE: Revised Estimates

- (c) The details of fellowship amount released and Scheduled Tribe candidates awarded the Fellowship under “National Fellowship” component of the scheme National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST students during the last three years are as under:-

2016-17		2017-18		2018-19	
Expenditure (Rs in Lakhs)	Beneficiaries	Expenditure (Rs in Lakhs)	Beneficiaries	Expenditure (Rs in Lakhs)	Beneficiaries
7312.25	2197	7022.00	2078	8208.91	2456

- (d) Under the scheme, the total number of fresh fellowships each year is 750. The selection of award of fellowship is based on merit and there is no State/ University-wise allocation/ ceiling on number of slots under the scheme.
- (e) With the efforts made by the Ministry since 2017-18 number of applications has been increased and all the 750 fellowship slots are now filled up. The Ministry has started implementing the scheme directly from the year 2017-18 onwards. For this purpose a dedicated portal has been designed in the Ministry for online applications so as to ensure that fellowship amount is released to students in time directly into their accounts in DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) mode. Further, the scheme has been integrated with Public Financial Management System (PFMS) and DBT Bharat Portal.
