

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †401
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.11.2019**

FUNDS FOR SCs AND OBCs

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether data regarding the population of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in the country is available with the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to allocate funds to be spent on development schemes on the basis of the available data;
- (d) whether it is a fact that the Government has failed to eradicate poverty and minimise starvation deaths despite poverty alleviation campaigns and schemes being implemented in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)**

(a) & (b): The data regarding the population of Scheduled Castes is available with Government. The details can be seen on the following links:

- (i) http://www.censusindia.gov.in/2011census/SC-ST/pca_state_distt_sc.xls
- (ii) http://www.censusindia.gov.in/2011census/pca_sc/pca_sc.html

The data on backward classes are not available.

(c): Fund allocation under some of the Schemes for Scheduled Caste Welfare i.e. Pre- Matric Scholarship for SC Students, Special Central Assistance for Scheduled Caste Sub Plan and Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana Pre-Matric and Post Matric Scholarship for OBC Students is based , inter alia, on the population data.

(d) & (e): The mandate of this Department is implementation of the schemes of educational, economic and social empowerment of Scheduled Castes/Other Backward Classes, Senior Citizens, victims of Drug Abuse, transgenders, Denotified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (DNTs). This Department does not maintain information related to poverty and death starvation.
