

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1361
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th February, 2020**

Financial Assistance to Meritorious Students

1361. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government of India provides financial assistance to meritorious students of weaker sections to pursue post-graduation courses in B-schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of financial assistance disbursed during the last three years including the current year, in Chennai, Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) if not, the reasons thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Yes. The Department of Higher Education, University Grants Commission, Ministry of Minority Affairs and Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment are providing financial assistance in the form of scholarship /interest subsidy schemes to the meritorious students of weaker sections including the students pursuing post-graduation courses in B-schools. The details of schemes and quantum of financial assistance disbursed during the last three years including the current year in Tamil Nadu is at Annexure-1.

**Annexure referred to in Part (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1361 for 10.02.2020 asked by Hon'ble MP DR. T. SUMATHY
(a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN regarding Financial Assistance to Meritorious Students**

Sr. No.	Scheme Name	Objective	Financial Assistance	* Amount disbursed (in crore) for State of Tamil Nadu			
				2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (till date)
Department of Higher Education							
1	Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students	The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to meritorious students having family income of upto Rs. 8 lakhs per annum and pursuing higher studies. Students who are in top 20th percentile of successful candidates in the relevant stream in class XII are eligible for consideration under the scheme. Scholarship is awarded for pursuing graduate / postgraduate studies in colleges and universities	First 3 years:- Rs. 10,000/- p.a. 4th and 5th year:- Rs. 20,000/- p.a.	5.78	5.67	8.69	5.46
2	Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme	To ensure that no one from the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), including minorities, SCs/STs, women and disabled, is denied access to professional education. Students having annual parental income up to Rs.4.5 lakh are eligible for the scheme. The scheme is admissible only for once either for under-graduation, post-graduation, or integrated courses	Full interest subsidy is provided during moratorium period (course period + 1 year) on educational loan upto Rs. 7.5 lakh taken	9.36 (no. of claims)	7.35 (no. of claims)	3.73 (no. of claims)	The data will be available after completion of financial year

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Ministry of Minority Affairs							
3	Post-matric Scholarship Scheme	The scholarship is provided to minority students studying in Class XI to Ph.D level in Government/ recognized Private schools/Colleges/Institutes. To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/guardian's income of more than Rs.2.00 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class.	i) Hosteller- Rs. 8,700 pa ii) Day Scholar- Rs. 6,000 pa	21.31	21.79	21.72	13.46
4	Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme	The scholarship is awarded for pursuing professional and technical courses at under-graduate and post-graduate levels, in institutions recognized by the appropriate authority. To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/ guardian's income of more than Rs.2.50 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class.	Full Course Fee reimbursed for the listed institutions. Rs.20,000/- p.a. ceiling for non listed institutions. Maintenance allowance- Hostellers:- Rs. 10,000 pa Day Scholar ii) Rs. 5,000 pa	13.88	15.71	14.29	10.37

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University Grants Commission							
5	P.G. Scholarship for University Rank Holders	To provide financial assistance to University Rank Holders for pursuing PG on full time/regular basis in Universities/ Institutes/Colleges in India.	Scholarship: Rs. 3,100/- pm for 20 months	5.04	2.71	4.5	0.03
6	P.G. Indira Gandhi Scholarship for Single Girl Child	To provide financial assistance to selected candidates being Single Girl Child for pursuing Post-graduation on full time/regular basis in Universities/Institutes/Colleges in India.	Scholarship: Rs. 3,100/- pm for 20 months	11.37	11.13	9.91	0.22
7	P.G. Scholarship for Professional Courses for SC/ST candidates	To provide financial assistance to selected candidates belonging to SC/ST categories for pursuing Post-graduation in Professional Courses on full time/regular basis in Universities/Institutes/Colleges in India.	Scholarship: Rs. 7,800/- pm for ME/ M Tech Rs. 4,700/- pm for other courses	5.11	3.21	2.14	0.11

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Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment							
8	Top Class Education for SC Students	Aim of the scheme is to promote quality education amongst SC students having family income of less than Rs.6 lakh per annum, who secure admission in the 220 institutions notified under the Scheme	Reimbursement of full tuition fees and non-refundable charges (ceiling of Rs. 2.00 lakh p.a. for students studying in private insitittuions and Rs.3.72 lakhs per annum per student for the private sector flying clubs) ii) Living expenses:- Rs. 29,640 pa iii) Computer allowance Rs. 45,000 (one time)	1.07	1.07	0.39	0.94
* Only state-wise data is maintained. Beneficiaries include students from B-School							