

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

**LOK SABHA
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Scholarships to Students of J&K

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

- (a) the details of the ongoing schemes for giving scholarships to students in Jammu & Kashmir;
- (b) the details of the special scholarship schemes launched by the Prime Minister during the last three years and the details of the funds allocated and distributed during the last three years;
- (c) the number of students benefited from this scheme till date; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for monitoring this scheme and to incorporate improvements in it?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Human Resource Development is implementing the following Schemes for providing scholarship to the students of Jammu & Kashmir.

(i) National Means-Cum Merit Scholarship Scheme: Under the scheme, scholarship is awarded to the eligible meritorious students, having parental income up to Rs.1.5 lakh per annum, with the objective to arrest their drop out in class VIII and encourage them to continue education at secondary and higher secondary stage up to class XII. The rate of scholarship is Rs.12,000/- per annum. Allocated quota for Jammu & Kashmir is 1019 scholarship.

(ii) Central Sector Scheme of Scholarships for college and university students. The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance for meeting day to day expenses while pursuing higher education, to meritorious students having family income of upto Rs. 8 lakhs per annum. The rate of scholarship is Rs. 10,000/- per annum for the first three years and Rs. 20,000/- per annum for the fourth and fifth year. Allocated quota for Jammu & Kashmir is 768 scholarship.

The scheme is boarded on the National Scholarship portal (NSP) www.scholarships.gov.in.

(iii) Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir:- The Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir is being implemented since 2011. The scheme aims to encourage the youth from Jammu & Kashmir to pursue higher education in educational institutions outside the State.

The scheme envisages to provide 5000 fresh scholarships every year (2070 for General Degree Courses, 2830 for Professional Courses and 100 for Medical Courses). There is provision of interchangeability of slots, subject to shortfall in the number of General degree courses and in the process, allocating a higher number of students for certain professional courses. Students of J&K domicile with parental income upto Rs. 8 lakh per annum are eligible.

Scholarship is provided towards tuition fee and maintenance allowance. The rate of scholarship towards tuition fee for General Degree courses is Rs. 30,000 per annum, for Professional courses Rs. 1.25 Lakhs per annum and for Medical studies Rs. 3.0 Lakhs per annum. Fixed maintenance allowance of Rs. 1.0 Lakh per annum is provided to all students under the scheme.

The Scheme is implemented by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) through their dedicated Web portal <http://www.aicte-jk-scholarship-gov.in/>.

Details of grants allocated and distributed to the students under Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu and Kashmir during the last three years are as under:-

Year	Funds allocated (Rs. In crore)	Disbursed (Rs. In Crore)
2016-17	146.00	132.07
2017-18	155.00	142.36
2018-19	191.00	179.03

22231 students from Jammu and Kashmir have been benefited from this scheme till date.

(d) The Government has taken several steps/initiatives to ensure that the benefit of the scheme is availed by all the deserving students. As a result of various initiatives including inviting of online application, online counseling & online allotment of seats, creation of supernumerary quota seats in Engineering, Architecture, Nursing, Pharmacy and Agriculture colleges, more number of students are taking admission in professional courses.
