

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. + 1896
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.03.2020**

WELFARE OF EWS

+1896. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

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

- (a) the total number of people identified as Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in Maharashtra;
- (b) the gender and age group-wise details of such people;
- (c) whether the Government aims to undertake more measures for welfare of the EWS in Maharashtra; and
- (d) the initiatives taken by the Government in this regard during the last three years and the current year?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)**

(a) & (b): No national Census/Survey (including in the State of Maharashtra) has been conducted for Economically Weaker Section category by this Ministry/Government of India as the reservation for EWS started only in January, 2019.

© & (d): Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing the following schemes for welfare of Economically Backward Classes/ Economically Weaker Section (including for the State of Maharashtra):

- (i) Dr. Ambedkar Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarships for the Economically Backward Class (EBC) Students.
 - (ii) Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs).
 - (iii) Assistance for Skill Development of OBCs/DNTs/EBCs.
- Details about the three Schemes are at **Annexure**.

The details of the Budget and Expenditure under the schemes during the last 3 years is given in **Annexure**.

Annexure

The details schemes are being implemented for the welfare of belonging to Welfare of Economically Backward Classes/ Economically Weaker Section (including for the State of Maharashtra).

(Amount in crore)

S. No	Name of the Scheme	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20 (Exp. as on 27.2.2020)	
		BE/R E	Exp.	BE/R E	Exp.	BE/R E	Exp.	BE/R E	Exp.
1.	Dr. Ambedkar Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarships for the Economically Backward Class (EBC) Students	10.00/ 15.12	15.12	10.00/ 10.00	10.00	103.00/ 23.00	23.00	23.00/ 13.00	13.99
2.	Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loan for Overseas Studies for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs).	2.00/ 3.00	2.90	4.30/ 4.30	19.87	10.00/ 10.00	10.00	15.00/ 26.09	15.00
3.	Assistance for Skill Development of OBCs/DNTs/EBCs .	4.00/ 9.00	8.99	10.00/ 10.00	15.00	30.00/ 30.00	40.00	30.00/ 34.00	15.00
