

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3773
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2020**

FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF SCS AND OBCS

3773. SHRI ASIT KUMAR MAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Scheduled Caste (SC) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) people in the country have been suffering from acute financial problems;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for the betterment of these downtrodden people?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The mandate of the Ministry is empowerment of the socially, educationally and economically marginalized sections of the society including Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs). The Ministry/Department through its various programmes and schemes strives to build an inclusive Society, wherein members of the target groups including SCs and OBCs are provided adequate support for their growth and sustainable development. The Department engages in development/updation of legislation, policies and guidelines at the National level for effective implementation of its objectives.

The programmes and schemes for the betterment of the SC and OBC are as under:

- (i) National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) through its thirteen Credit Based Schemes and Skill Training Programme
- (ii) Assistance to State Scheduled Castes Development Corporation (SCDC)
- (iii) Venture Capital Fund for Scheduled Castes (VCF-SC)
- (iv) Credit Enhancement Guarantee Scheme for Scheduled Castes (CEGSSC)
- (v) National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)
- (vi) Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Pre-Matric Scholarship to the SC Students studying in classes IX&X

- (vii) Pre-Matric Scholarship to the Children of those engaged in occupations involving cleaning and prone to health hazards
- (viii) Post-Matric Scholarship for SCs
- (ix) Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Caste Sub Plan
- (x) Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana for Girls and Boys
- (xi) Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY)
- (xii) Central Sector Scholarship of Top Class Education for SC Students
- (xiii) Free Coaching Scheme for SC and OBC Students
- (xiv) National Fellowship Scheme for SC Students
- (xv) National Overseas Scholarship
- (xvi) Pre- Matric Scholarship to the OBC Students
- (xvii) Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC Students
- (xviii) Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls
- (xix) Assistance for Skill Development of OBCs/DNTs/EBCs
- (xx) Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Interest Subsidy for Overseas Studies Studies for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) students
- (xxi) National Fellowship (NF) for OBC
- (xxii) Schemes for Development of Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Tribes (DNTs)
- (xxiii) Dr. Ambedkar Post-Matric Scholarship for Economically Backward Classes (EBCs)
- (xxiv) Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship for DNTs
- (xxv) Nanaji Deshmukh Scheme of Construction of Hostels for DNT Boys and Girls
- (xxvi) Venture Capital Fund for Backward Classes (VCF-BC)
- (xxvii) National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) through Term Loan, Micro Finance and Skill Development, and
- (xxviii) National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)
