

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

LOK SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION NO. *397
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2021**

'Scholarship Schemes for Differently Abled Students'

***397. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAWAN RAJENIMBALKAR:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESHSHEWALE.**

Will the Minister of **Social Justice and Empowerment** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the scholarship schemes being implemented by the Government meant for students with disabilities in the country;
- (b) the number of students who have availed the benefits of the said schemes across the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT and Scheme-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has received complaints regarding denial of benefits of the said schemes to the eligible students in the country and if so, the details thereof; State/UT and Scheme-wise;
- (d) the cases of taking advantages of the said schemes by non-eligible students that have come to the notice of the Government during the said period, State/UT and Scheme-wise; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to bring each eligible student under the coverage of the said schemes?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(DR. THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT)

- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 397 raised by Shri Omprakash Bhupalsinh Alias Pawan Rajenimbalkar: Shri Rahul Ramesh Shewale, regarding Scholarship Schemes for Differently Abled Students for answer on 23.03.2021.

- a. The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is implementing the Central Sector Scheme of 'Scholarships to Students with Disabilities (SwDs)' with the following six components:
 - i. Pre-Matric Scholarship (For Classes IX & X).
 - ii. Post-Matric Scholarship (For Classes XI to Post-graduate Degree/Diploma).
 - iii. Top Class Education Scholarship (For Graduate and Post-graduate Degree/Diploma in notified Institutes of excellence in education).
 - iv. National Overseas Scholarship (For Master's Degree/Ph.D. in foreign universities).
 - v. National Fellowship (For M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Indian universities).
 - vi. Free Coaching (For recruitment examinations for Group A & B posts and entrance examinations for admission to technical and professional courses).
- b. The number of students who have availed benefits of the said schemes, across the country, during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT and Scheme-wise is given in Annexure.
- c. No complaint has been received in this Department regarding denial of benefits of scholarship schemes to the eligible students in the country.
- d. Cases of non-eligible students taking advantages of the said schemes have not come to the notice of the Department, during the last three years and the current year.
- e. In order to bring eligible students under the coverage of the Scholarship Schemes, the following initiatives have been undertaken :-
 - Applications from eligible students are invited across the country through national and regional newspapers.
 - The Scheme has been uploaded on the web-site of the Department.
 - State Governments have been sensitized about Scholarship schemes of the Department for students with disabilities.
 - State Governments have been requested to popularize the scheme through various ways.
 - Under the revised scheme implemented with effect from 01.4.2018, the number of slots in Pre-Matric scholarship has increased from 20,000 to 25,000 and in case of Top Class Education scholarship from 160 to 300.
 - Graduate degree courses in notified institutions also included for Top Class Education scholarship.
 - Parental income ceiling increased from Rs.2.00 lakh to Rs.2.50 lakh for Pre-matric Scholarship.
 - National Overseas Scholarship applications are received throughout the year.

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (b) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 397 raised by Shri Omprakash Bhupalsinh Alias Pawan Rajenimbalkar: Shri Rahul Ramesh Shewale, regarding Scholarship Schemes for Differently Abled Students for answer on 23.03.2021.

State-wise number of students who have availed Scholarship under Pre-Matric Scholarship scheme for Persons with Disabilities

Sl. No.	State/UT	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (as on 15.03.2021)#
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR	3	0	0	0
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	24	5	294	7
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	0
4	ASSAM	0	31	753	4
5	BIHAR	12	65	290	11
6	CHANDIGARH	0	0	8	0
7	CHHATTISGARH	226	144	117	1
8	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	1	0	7	0
9	DAMAN & DIU	3	0	0	0
10	DELHI	33	1	88	0
11	GOA	0	0	8	0
12	GUJARAT	226	43	42	78
13	HARYANA	77	18	25	0
14	HIMACHAL PRADESH	79	46	77	1
15	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	176	2	26	105
16	JHARKHAND	1	38	84	0
17	KARNATAKA	734	69	190	165
18	KERALA	2187	1622	1725	22
19	LADAKH	0	0	0	0
20	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0	0
21	MADHYA PRADESH	4619	1492	2267	21
22	MAHARASHTRA	0	0	0	0
23	MANIPUR	3	0	2	3
24	MEGHALAYA	2	0	0	0
25	MIZORAM	20	0	25	0
26	NAGALAND	4	0	0	8
27	ODISHA	1240	304	1467	1
28	PUDUCHERRY	14	5	16	0
29	PUNJAB	6	371	277	1
30	RAJASTHAN	243	129	350	12
31	SIKKIM	6	0	3	0
32	TAMIL NADU	668	281	540	809
33	TELANGANA	5	36	36	0
34	TRIPURA	64	10	47	0
35	UTTARAKHAND	0	1	127	79
36	UTTAR PRADESH	1554	479	13124	96
37	WEST BENGAL	363	1575	203	14
	Total	12593	6767	22218	1438

The last date for verification of applications on the National Scholarship Portal for 2020-21 was 28.02.2021. The disbursement of scholarship amount is under process and will be completed by 31.3.2021.

State-wise number of students who have availed Scholarship under Post-Matric Scholarship scheme for Persons with Disabilities

Sl.No.	State/UT	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (as on 15.03.2021)#
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR	1	0	0	0
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	91	112	215	3
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2	8	0	0
4	ASSAM	0	108	319	1
5	BIHAR	366	1147	1428	27
6	CHANDIGARH	11	3	7	0
7	CHHATTISGARH	44	267	222	5
8	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	1	0	1	0
9	DAMAN & DIU	1	0	0	0
10	DELHI	196	322	343	0
11	GOA	3	0	3	5
12	GUJARAT	433	249	190	455
13	HARYANA	46	221	200	4
14	HIMACHAL PRADESH	61	45	64	1
15	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	115	215	164	124
16	JHARKHAND	42	610	176	1
17	KARNATAKA	238	1585	870	1025
18	KERALA	214	1236	1924	53
19	LADAKH	0	0	0	0
20	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0	0
21	MADHYA PRADESH	1779	3580	3140	74
22	MAHARASHTRA	40	815	1025	10
23	MANIPUR	27	0	9	4
24	MEGHALAYA	25	9	0	0
25	MIZORAM	15	2	1	0
26	NAGALAND	1	0	0	3
27	ODISHA	1038	1749	1852	8
28	PUDUCHERRY	3	24	53	1
29	PUNJAB	88	149	153	1
30	RAJASTHAN	455	1072	1180	33
31	SIKKIM	7	3	3	0
32	TAMIL NADU	580	1208	587	1149
33	TELANGANA	97	71	271	6
34	TRIPURA	126	68	109	4
35	UTTARAKHAND	0	34	257	56
36	UTTAR PRADESH	1032	4935	4962	70
37	WEST BENGAL	479	3106	250	202
	Total	7657	22953	19978	3325

The last date for verification of applications on the National Scholarship Portal for 2020-21 was 28.02.2021. The disbursement of scholarship amount is under process and will be completed by 31.3.2021.

State-wise number of students who have availed Scholarship under Top Class Education scheme for Persons with Disabilities

Sl.No.	State/UT	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (as on 15.03.2021)#
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR	0	0	0	0
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	1	2	13	0
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	0
4	ASSAM	0	1	2	0
5	BIHAR	4	15	47	3
6	CHANDIGARH	0	0	0	0
7	CHHATTISGARH	0	1	5	0
8	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	0	0	0	0
9	DAMAN & DIU	0	0	0	0
10	DELHI	1	3	10	0
11	GOA	0	0	0	1
12	GUJARAT	0	3	2	5
13	HARYANA	0	0	4	0
14	HIMACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	0
15	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	0	4	11	0
16	JHARKHAND	0	8	15	0
17	KARNATAKA	1	2	1	10
18	KERALA	0	3	13	2
19	LADAKH	0	0	0	0
20	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0	0
21	MADHYA PRADESH	3	0	9	2
22	MAHARASHTRA	5	7	17	0
23	MANIPUR	0	0	1	0
24	MEGHALAYA	0	0	0	0
25	MIZORAM	0	0	0	0
26	NAGALAND	0	0	0	0
27	ODISHA	2	4	8	0
28	PUDUCHERRY	0	0	0	0
29	PUNJAB	0	0	3	0
30	RAJASTHAN	6	2	11	2
31	SIKKIM	0	0	0	0
32	TAMIL NADU	0	4	0	10
33	TELANGANA	0	0	8	7
34	TRIPURA	0	1	2	0
35	UTTARAKHAND	0	0	1	0
36	UTTAR PRADESH	11	14	56	0
37	WEST BENGAL	3	4	0	19
	Total	37	78	239	61

The last date for verification of applications on the National Scholarship Portal for 2020-21 was 28.02.2021. The disbursal of scholarship amount is under process and will be completed by 31.3.2021.

State-wise number of students who have availed Scholarship under National Overseas Scholarship scheme for Persons with Disabilities

Sl.No.	State/UT	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 (as on 15.03.2021)
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR	0	0	0	0
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	0	0	0	0
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	0
4	ASSAM	0	0	0	0
5	BIHAR	1	1	1	1
6	CHANDIGARH	0	1	1	1
7	CHHATTISGARH	0	0	0	0
8	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	0	0	0	0
9	DAMAN & DIU	0	0	0	0
10	DELHI	1	1	1	2
11	GOA	0	0	0	0
12	GUJARAT	0	0	0	0
13	HARYANA	0	0	0	0
14	HIMACHAL PRADESH	0	1	1	1
15	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	0	0	0	0
16	JHARKHAND	0	0	0	0
17	KARNATAKA	0	0	0	0
18	KERALA	0	0	0	0
19	LADAKH	0	0	0	0
20	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0	0
21	MADHYA PRADESH	0	0	0	0
22	MAHARASHTRA	0	0	0	0
23	MANIPUR	0	0	0	0
24	MEGHALAYA	0	0	0	0
25	MIZORAM	0	0	0	0
26	NAGALAND	0	0	0	0
27	ODISHA	0	0	0	0
28	PUDUCHERRY	0	0	0	0
29	PUNJAB	0	0	0	0
30	RAJASTHAN	0	0	0	0
31	SIKKIM	0	0	0	0
32	TAMIL NADU	0	0	0	1
33	TELANGANA	0	0	0	0
34	TRIPURA	0	0	0	0
35	UTTARAKHAND	0	0	0	0
36	UTTAR PRADESH	1	1	1	1
37	WEST BENGAL	0	0	0	0
	Total	3	5	5	7

Note: Despite selection by the Department most of the students with disabilities are not able to get admission to foreign universities.

State-wise number of students who have availed Scholarship under National Fellowship for Persons with Disabilities scheme for Persons with Disabilities

Sl.No.	State/UT	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 * (as on 15.03.2021)
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR	0	0	0	0
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	117	98	106	45
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	0
4	ASSAM	8	10	15	13
5	BIHAR	27	20	6	16
6	CHANDIGARH	0	0	2	0
7	CHHATTISGARH	5	5	0	1
8	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	0	0	0	0
9	DAMAN & DIU	0	0	0	0
10	DELHI	14	11	35	6
11	GOA	0	0	0	0
12	GUJARAT	15	15	16	10
13	HARYANA	20	13	10	7
14	HIMACHAL PRADESH	4	2	1	1
15	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	9	8	5	12
16	JHARKHAND	10	9	11	6
17	KARNATAKA	36	30	39	24
18	KERALA	14	12	7	9
19	LADAKH	0	0	0	0
20	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0	0
21	MADHYA PRADESH	21	18	13	4
22	MAHARASHTRA	48	41	40	23
23	MANIPUR	0	0	0	0
24	MEGHALAYA	0	0	0	0
25	MIZORAM	0	0	0	0
26	NAGALAND	0	0	0	0
27	ODISHA	27	19	14	15
28	PUDUCHERRY	5	4	10	2
29	PUNJAB	12	11	11	12
30	RAJASTHAN	21	19	26	19
31	SIKKIM	0	0	1	0
32	TAMIL NADU	12	13	54	22
33	TELANGANA	33	31	13	40
34	TRIPURA	2	2	1	0
35	UTTARAKHAND	1	2	6	4
36	UTTAR PRADESH	158	136	63	56
37	WEST BENGAL	47	37	32	22
TOTAL		666	566	537	369

*Due to COVID-19 Pandemic the universities were closed and the students were not able to get the continuation certificates/ other relevant documents from their universities.

State-wise number of students who have availed Scholarship under Free Coaching scheme for Persons with Disabilities

Sl.No.	State/UT	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21 * (as on 15.03.2021)
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR	0	0	0	0
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	0	0	0	0
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	0
4	ASSAM	0	0	0	0
5	BIHAR	0	0	0	0
6	CHANDIGARH	0	0	0	0
7	CHHATTISGARH	0	0	0	0
8	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	0	0	0	0
9	DAMAN & DIU	0	0	0	0
10	DELHI	150	0	150	0
11	GOA	0	0	0	0
12	GUJARAT	0	0	0	0
13	HARYANA	0	0	0	0
14	HIMACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	0
15	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	100	0	100	0
16	JHARKHAND	0	0	0	0
17	KARNATAKA	0	0	0	0
18	KERALA	0	0	0	0
19	LADAKH	0	0	0	0
20	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0	0
21	MADHYA PRADESH	0	0	0	0
22	MAHARASHTRA	0	0	0	0
23	MANIPUR	0	0	0	0
24	MEGHALAYA	0	0	0	0
25	MIZORAM	0	0	0	0
26	NAGALAND	0	0	0	0
27	ODISHA	0	0	0	0
28	PUDUCHERRY	0	0	0	0
29	PUNJAB	0	0	0	0
30	RAJASTHAN	0	0	0	0
31	SIKKIM	0	0	0	0
32	TAMIL NADU	0	0	0	0
33	TELANGANA	0	0	0	0
34	TRIPURA	0	0	0	0
35	UTTARAKHAND	0	0	0	0
36	UTTAR PRADESH	0	0	0	0
37	WEST BENGAL	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		250	0	250	0

***Note: Due to mandatory requirement of registration certificate under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and accessible infrastructure, the coaching institutes have not come forward for empanelment by the Department for providing free coaching to students with disabilities.**