

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1167
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2021**

CSS FOR EWS CATEGORY

1167. SHRI P RAVINDHRANATH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any Centrally Sponsored Scheme or proposal to provide scholarship to both Engineering and Arts college going students, hailing from Economically Weaker Sections of the society;
- (b) if so, the details including the eligibility criteria for such scholarships etc, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of various projects being implemented for the upliftment of EWS category citizens, during the last six years; and
- (d) the details and the number of persons benefitted from these projects so far, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)

(a): No Sir, the Deptt. is not implementing any Centrally Sponsored Schemes specifically meant for welfare of Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) of the society. However, this Department is implementing following centrally sponsored schemes for Economically Backward Classes students (EBC).

(i) Dr. Ambedkar Post-Matric Scholarship for Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) Students.

(ii) Dr. Ambedkar Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for the Students belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs)

The scholarship is provided to the eligible students for obtaining degree/diploma in various courses of Arts/Engineering.

(b) to (d): The details including the eligibility criteria of the above schemes along with their achievements during last six year are annexed

Annexure referred to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1167 for 09.02.2021

I. Dr.Ambedkar Post-Matric Scholarship for students belonging to Economically Backward Classes (EBCs)

This is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme being implemented through the State Government and Union Territories w.e.f. 2014-15. The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the EBC students studying at post-matriculation or post-secondary stage. The income ceiling of parents/guardians for eligibility is Rs.2.50 lakh per annum (including self-income, if employed). The Scheme is a "Funds-Limited" Scheme. The funds are released to the States on first-come first-served basis, subject to a maximum amount to be worked out every year based on total budget made available during particular year, under the scheme

II. Dr. Ambedkar Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for the Students belonging to the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs)

The objective of the scheme is to award interest subsidy to meritorious OBC and EBC students so as to provide them better opportunities for higher education abroad and enhance their employability. To be eligible under the scheme, a student should come under the income ceiling as per extant Creamy Layer criteria for OBCs and for EBCs it is Rs 8.00 lakh per annum. 50 % of the outlay every year is earmarked for Girl students. The students should have secured admission in the approved courses at Masters, M.Phil or Ph.D levels abroad. He/She should have availed loan from a scheduled bank under the Education Loan Scheme of the Indian Banks Association (IBA) for the purpose. Under the scheme, interest payable by the students availing the education loans of the IBA for the period of moratorium (i.e. course period, plus one year or six months after getting job, whichever is earlier) as prescribed under the Education Loan Scheme of the IBA, shall be borne by the Government of India.

(Amount in lakh)

Year	Dr.Ambedkar Post-Matric Scholarship for students belonging to Economically Backward Classes (EBCs)		Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for the Students belonging to the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs)	
	Financial	Physical (Actual)	Financial	Physical(Actual)
2014-15	50.00	147	89.94	173
2015-16	1000.00	272054	99.90	776
2016-17	1552.00	184182	290.15	1000
2017-18	1100.00	14622	1987.00	1820
2018-19	2300.00	21338	1000.00	3163
2019-20	1398.97	218576	2609.00	3296

Note: Beneficiaries shown against the particular year may also includes beneficiaries of previous years as well as the persons supported by the State fund and reported by the State Governments in subsequent years..

Details under the Scheme of Dr. Ambedkar Post Matric Scholarship for EBC Students for last six years

Annexure-I
(Amount in lakh)

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23	Assam													
24	Meghalaya													
25	Mizoram													
26	Manipur							200.00	\$					
27	Nagaland													
28	Sikkim			145.00	588	91.50	272	200.00	974	230.30	230.30	1664	393.55	1957
29	Tripura					58.50	308					820		1306
30	A & N Island													
31	Chandigarh					20.00	158	20.00	\$	-	-	123	-	
32	D & N Haveli													
33	Daman & Diu													
34	Lakshdweep													
35	Delhi													
36	Puducherry													
	Total	50.00	147	1000.00	272054	1512.00	184182	1100.00	14622	2538.67	2300.00	21338	1398.97	218576