GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1183 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2021

CHANGES IN CSS -PMS TO SC STUDENTS

1183. SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK NIMBALKAR: SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE: SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL: SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA: SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI: MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government has made some changes in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) Post Matric Scholarship (PMS) for the students belonging to Scheduled Castes and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has made revised State and UT-wise allocation for Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes (SCs);
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor, State/UT-wise, particularly in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Tripura and North East;
- (d) the number of SC students proposed to grant scholarship during the next five years; and
- (e) the details of the funds in crores earmarked for this scheme, State-wise including Gujarat?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. During the year 2020-21 the Union Cabinet has approved the revision and continuation of the scheme from the year 2020-21 to 2025-26 which includes, inter-alia, revision of funding pattern to a sharing ratio of 60:40 between the Centre and States (90:10 in case of NE States), focus on poorest households for enrolment under the scheme and development of robust IT framework for implementation of the scheme.

No State/UT wise allocation is made under the scheme as it is open ended and all eligible candidates as per the scheme guidelines are entitled for the scholarship.

The Union Cabinet has approved a total expenditure of about Rs. 59048.54 crores from 2020-21 to 2025-26 under the scheme for students of all the States, including Gujarat, out of which Rs.35534.21 crores would be the share of the Central Government.

During the next five years upto 2025-26, about 4 crore SC students would be benefited under the revised PMS-SC scheme.
