

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3252
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2021**

CENTRAL ASSISTANCE UNDER PMS SCHEME

3252. SIIRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

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

- (a) the details of the Central Assistance released under Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Caste Students (PMS-SC) scheme since 2015 for Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) whether the number of beneficiaries under PMS-SC in Andhra Pradesh has been declining since 2016-17;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of the Central Assistance released under Pre Matric scholarship scheme for Other Backward Classes (OBC) students since 2015 for Andhra Pradesh;
- (e) whether the number of beneficiaries under Pre Matric Scholarship scheme for OBC students in Andhra Pradesh has been declining since 2018-19; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a): The details of Central Assistance released under Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Caste students (PMS-SC) scheme since 2015 is as under:

Financial Year	Amount Released (Rs. in lakhs)
2015-16	13341.00
2016-17	14398.00
2017-18	31742.54
2018-19	9000.00
2019-20	28767.00
2020-21	32528.00

(b) & (c): The scheme is open ended and all eligible students are entitled to get scholarship under the scheme. The number of beneficiaries reported by the State under PMS-SC in Andhra Pradesh is as under :-

Year	Beneficiaries
2016-17	3,12,162
2017-18	3,39,386
2018-19	3,69,459
2019-20	4,25,673*
2020-21	Registrations are still open, since admissions got delayed due to COVID-19.

*This includes the intermediate students covered under the AmmaVodi State scheme.

(d): The details of the Central assistance released under Pre-Matric scholarship scheme for Other Backward Classes (OBC) students since 2015 for Andhra Pradesh is as under:

(Rs in crore)

Year	Central Assistance released
2015-16	6.35
2016-17	6.81
2017-18	4.02
2018-19	8.90
2019-20	8.41
2020-21	9.67

(e) & (f): Number of beneficiaries intimated by the States for a particular year usually includes the number of beneficiaries assisted for the previous year as well as the beneficiaries assisted from their own fund. Therefore, it cannot be conclusively said that beneficiaries in Andhra Pradesh are declining since 2018-19.
