

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

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 106*
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2021**

NATIONAL OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP

***106. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D:**

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

- (a) the details and the number of students who have been awarded the National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) during the last five years, year-wise, category-wise and subject-wise;
- (b) the total annual strength of applicants for NOS during the said period, year-wise;
- (c) whether the mandatory 30 percent reservation for women candidates under NOS has been complied with every year during the said period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether there is a separate NOS for Other Backward Class (OBC) students and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)**

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the table of the House as per **Annexure**.

Annexure

Statement in answer to parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 106 for 27-07-2021 by SHRI RAVIKUMAR D regarding National Overseas Scholarship

(a): The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment implements two National Overseas Scholarship Schemes. The Department of Social Justice & Empowerment (DoSJE) is implementing the National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) for Scheduled Caste etc. under which financial assistance is provided to selected students from Scheduled Castes; Denotified, Nomadic & Semi - Nomadic Tribes; landless agricultural labourers and traditional artisan categories, for pursuing Masters and Ph.D level courses abroad. The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DoEPwD) implements 'National Overseas Scholarship' under which scholarship is provided to the selected students with disabilities for pursuing Masters and Ph.D level courses abroad.

The year wise, category wise and field wise details of students selected under NOS during the last five years are as under:

(i) Category wise details of students selected during last five years under the National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) for Scheduled Caste etc.

S No	Category	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	Scheduled Castes	108	178	97	97	90
2	Denotified, Nomadic and Semi- Nomadic Tribes	0	2	2	1	6
3	Landless Agricultural Labourers and Traditional Artisans	0	3	1	2	4
	Total Selection	108*	183*	100	100	100

* Vacant slots of previous year were carried over.

ii) Category wise details of students selected during the last five years under the National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) for students with disabilities

S No	Head	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	No. of selected students	14	6	5	8	#
	Total Selection	14	6	5	8	-

Selection is under process

(iii) Discipline / Subject wise details of students selected under NOS for SC etc. Scheme during the last five years:

S. No.	Field/ Discipline of study	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	Engineering and Management	51	106	52	70	#
2	Pure Science and Applied Science	18	25	10	13	
3	Agricultural Science and Medicine	11	07	05	7	
4	International Commerce, Accounting Finance	08	03	11	2	
5	Humanities & Social Science	20	42	22	8	
	Total	108*	183*	100	100	100

(#) Discipline/subject wise selection of the candidates has been abolished w.e.f 2020-21

(iv) Discipline / Subject wise details of students selected under NOS for students with disabilities during the last five years:

S. No.	Field/ Discipline of study	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	Engineering and Management	4	5	3	4	#
2	Pure Science and Applied Science	4	-	1	1	
3	Agricultural Science and Medicine	2	1	-	-	
4	International Commerce, Accounting Finance	-	-	-	-	
5	Humanities & Social Science	4	-	1	3	
	Total	14	6	5	8	-

Selection under process

(b): The number of applications received for scholarships under NOS during the last five years, year-wise, is as follows:

Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
National Overseas Scholarship for SC etc. Candidates	535	487	379	461	596
National Overseas Scholarship for students with disabilities	24	10	6	8	12

(c) & (d): NOS for SC etc. scheme provides for selection of 100 candidates every year. More than 30 female candidates have been selected in each of the last five years under National Overseas Scholarship for SC etc. Candidates. The year wise number of selected female candidates during the last five years is given as under:

Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Number of female candidates selected	36	47	34	30	31

In case of National Overseas Scholarship for students with disabilities implemented by DoEPwD, 30% of the slots are reserved for female students. However, in case adequate number of female candidates are not available or not found eligible as per the terms and conditions of the scheme, the unutilized slots can be utilized by selecting suitable male candidates. The year wise number of selected female candidates during the last five years is given as under:-

Year	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Number of female candidates selected	4	1	-	2	#

The Selection of students for 2020-21 is under process.

(e): No, Sir. There is no similar scheme for Other Backward Class students.
