

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1091
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2021

NATIONAL OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP FOR ST STUDENTS

1091. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the annual allocation of funds to the National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) for Scheduled Tribe (ST) Students in the last three years;
- (b) the number of ST students who have been annually awarded the NOS in the last three years;
- (c) the total annual strength of ST applicants for NOS in the last three years;
- (d) the reason to fix only 20 slots for Scheduled Tribes students;
- (e) the rationale behind fixing the income limit to Rs.6 lakhs per annum and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

- (a) The details of annual allocation and expenditure of funds under the scheme of National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) for ST students in the last three years is as below:-

(Rs. in Lakhs)

2018-19			2019-20			2020-21		
BE	RE	Utilization	BE	RE	Utilization	B.E.	RE	Utilization
200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	476.00	476.00

- (b) During the last three years 20 ST students annually have been awarded provisional award under the NOS Scheme.
- (c) The year-wise number of applications received under the NOS Scheme during the last three years is as below:-

Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Total Application Received	138	162	215
Eligible candidates called for interview	124	127	203

- (d) The current guidelines provide for 20 slots under the scheme. The number of eligible applicants who participated in the selection process were fewer than the number of eligible applicants. Suitable candidates were selected for the 20 slots. However, it was found that even the selected students were not able to avail of the scholarships for various reasons including their inability to obtain admission in Universities abroad.
- (e) The rationale behind fixing the income limit to Rs.6.00 lakhs per annum is to cover majority of poorer scheduled tribepopulation for pursuing higher studies abroad.
