

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1305  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2021**

**WELFARE SCHEMES FOR WEAKER SECTIONS**

**†1305. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:  
SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:**

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

- (a) whether any welfare schemes/projects are being implemented by the Government for upliftment of weaker sections of general category in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the number of persons benefited from these schemes/projects during the last three years?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)**

(a): There is no exclusive scheme for upliftment of weaker sections of general category. However, the Government is implementing the following Central Sector schemes for upliftment of Economically Backward Classes (EBCs):

- i. Dr. Ambedkar Post-Matric Scholarship for EBC Students.
- ii. Dr Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) under SHREYAS Scheme.
- iii. Assistance for Skill Development for OBC/DNT/EBC.

(b) & (c): Fund released and the number of persons benefited from the above schemes during the last three years is given in **Annexure-I**.

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**Annexure-I****(Amount in Lakh)**

SL. No.	Programme/Scheme	2018-19		2019-2020		2020-21	
		Funds Released	No. of Beneficiaries	Funds Released	No. of Beneficiaries	Funds Released	No. of Beneficiaries
1.	Dr. Ambedkar Post-Matric Scholarship for Economically Backward Classes	2300	21338	1399	221148	2500	*
2.	Dr. Ambedkar Interest Subsidy on Overseas Studies of OBCs/EBCs	1000	3163	2609	3296	3261	6941
3.	Assistance for Skill Development of OBCs, DNTs and EBCs	4000	25040	3400	30491	2028	15750

\*No. of beneficiaries are yet to be provided by the States/ UTs.

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