

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.151
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2021

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP

151. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to award National Fellowship and Scholarship for the students from the Scheduled Tribe category for higher education; if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the students from the Scheduled Tribe Category who have been awarded the National Fellowship and Scholarship for higher education ever since the inception of the Fellowship and Scholarship;
- (c) the details of the girl students from the Scheduled Tribe Category who have been given the National Fellowship and Scholarship award for higher education ever since this award came into effect; and
- (d) the details of the year wise list of such girl students?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI. BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing “National Fellowship & Scholarship for Higher education of ST Students” scheme to award scholarships to Scheduled Tribe students for pursuing higher courses. The scheme has 2 sub-schemes. Under National Fellowship Scheme, scholarship is given to 750 students every year for pursuing MPhil and PhD. In the National Scholarship Scheme, scholarship is given to 1000 students every year for pursuing courses in top 246 Institutions of the country like IIT, IIM, NIIT etc. The students selected on merit in both these schemes are provided scholarship for the entire duration of the course for which they are selected. The detailed guidelines of the schemes can be viewed at website of the Ministry (tribal.nic.in) and total number of students who got scholarship under these schemes can be viewed at dashboard of Ministry (dashboard.tribal.gov.in)

(c) & (d) The details of year-wise girl students from the Scheduled Tribe Category who were awarded Fellowship and Scholarship under the scheme of “National Fellowship & Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students” since 2017-18, as available, is as below:-

| Scheme: - National Fellowship & Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students | | |
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| Year of selection | Girl Students selected for scholarship under National Fellowship scheme (out of total 750 slots) | Girl Students selected for Scholarship under National Scholarship Scheme (out of total 1000 slots) |
| 2017-18 | 292 | 163 |
| 2018-19 | 309 | 163 |
| 2019-20 | 355 | 287 |
| 2020-21 | 376 | 290 |
| 2021-22 | Selection under process | Selection under process |

The figures shown above reflect that there has been regular increase in the number of girl students who availed National Fellowship and National Scholarship for pursuing higher education.
