

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3634**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2021**

**Monetary Help to Students**

**†3634. SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:**

**Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide monetary assistance to eligible students as special welfare measure through the Direct Transfer of Benefits (DBT) across the country, if so, the details thereof along with the amount to be provided under it;
- (b) the details of the amount provided State-wise and district-wise;
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented;
- (d) whether the Government has decided to cover girl students belonging to the Scheduled Tribes also under the scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

**(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)**

(a) to (c): Ministry of Education implements various schemes to provide monetary assistance to eligible students in the form of scholarship/fellowship as special welfare measure through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) across the country. Ministry of Education also implements

‘Pradhan MantriPoshan Shakti Nirman(PM POSHAN) (earlier known as National Programme of Mid-Day Meal in Schools), one of the foremost rights based Centrally Sponsored Schemes under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA). Under the PM-POSHAN, the Government has approved provision of hot cooked meal to children of pre-schools or Balvatika (before class I) in primary schools also, in addition to the 11.80 crore children of classes I to VIII studying in 11.20 lakh schools. During the current pandemic, since schools were closed, all enrolled children are given Food Security Allowance comprising of food grains and cooking cost as Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) or in the form of dry ration by States and UTs during 2020-21 and 2021-22. Further, for summer vacation period as special welfare measure States and UTs were also advised to provide monetary assistance through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of cooking cost component of the Scheme to all eligible children. The details of such schemes is at Annexure-1. The details of amount provided State-wise is at Annexure-2.

(d) & (e) All the above schemes universally cover all eligible students including girl students belonging to the Scheduled Tribes.

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**Annexure-I**

**Annexure referred to in Part (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3634 for 20.12.2021 asked by Hon'ble MP SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA regarding Monetary Help to Students**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Scheme Name</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Financial Assistance</b>
<b>Department of Higher Education</b>			
1	Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students	The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to meritorious students having family income of upto Rs. 8 lakhs per annum and pursuing higher studies. Students who are in top 20th percentile of successful candidates in the relevant stream in class XII are eligible for consideration under the scheme. Scholarship is awarded for pursuing graduate / postgraduate studies in colleges and universities	<b>First 3 years:-</b> Rs. 10,000/- p.a. <b>4th and 5th year:-</b> Rs. 20,000/- p.a.
2	Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme	To ensure that no one from the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), including minorities, SCs/STs, women and disabled, is denied access to professional education. Students having annual parental income up to Rs.4.5 lakh are eligible for the scheme. The scheme is admissible only for once either for under-graduation, post-graduation, or integrated courses	Full interest subsidy is provided during moratorium period (course period + 1 year) on educational loan upto Rs. 7.5 lakh taken
<b>Department of School Education &amp; Literacy</b>			
3	National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme	To award scholarships to meritorious students of economically weaker sections to arrest their drop out at class VIII	Rs. 12000/- per annum
4	Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (erstwhile National Programme of Mid-Day Meal in Schools)	To provide hot cooked meal to children of pre-schools or Balvatika in primary schools also, in addition to the children of classes I to VIII	Rs. 14232.87 crore (central assistance in 2020-21 including grant released for summer vacation as a one time measure)
<b>ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION</b>			
5	PRAGATI SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME for GIRL STUDENTS	To encourage meritorious girl students to to pursue higher education	Rs. 50,000/- per annum
6	SAKSHAM SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME for DIFFERENTLY- ABLED STUDENTS	To encourage differently abled students to pursue higher education	Rs. 50,000/- per annum
7	POST GRADUATE (PG)SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME	To ensure development of technical education in India	Rs. 12,400/- per month

8	DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP	To promote research culture in AICTE approved Institution	Rs. 31,000/- pm for the first two years Rs. 35,000/- pm for the third year
9	BSR Faculty Fellowship	To pursue active Research in Science, Engineering and technology by superannuated teachers.	• Fellowship: Rs. 50,000/- pm; • Contingence: Rs. 3.00/- Lakh pa
10	Emeritus Fellowship	To pursue active Research in their respective field of specialization by superannuated teachers in Humanities, social Sciences, Science, Engineering & Technology.	• Fellowship: Rs. 31,000/- pm; • Contingency: Rs. 50,000/- pa
11	Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Post Doctoral Fellowship in Humanities and Social Science	To promote quality research in Social Sciences, Humanities including languages in Indian Universities after Ph.D.	• Fellowship: Rs. 47,000/-pm for I year Rs.49,000/-pm for II year Rs. 54,000/-pm for III year • Contingency: @ Rs. 50,000/-pa
12	Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship (DSKPDF)	To promote research in Science discipline in Indian Universities after Ph.D.	• Higher fellowship: Rs. 54,000/-pm (whole tenure) • Normal fellowship: Rs. 47,000/-pm for I year Rs.49,000/-pm for II year Rs. 54,000/-pm for III year • Contingency: Rs. 1.00 Lakh pa throughout the tenure
13	Post-Doctoral Fellowship for SC/ST Candidates	To promote postdoctoral research among SC/ST students in Sciences, Engineering, Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences at Indian Universities/Institutions/Colleges.	• Fellowship: Rs. 47,000/-pm for I year Rs.49,000/-pm for II year Rs. 54,000/-pm for III year onwards • Contingency: @Rs. 50,000/- pa
14	Post Doctoral Fellowship for Women	For unemployed women candidates holding Ph.D. Degree to pursue research in their respective subject areas with an aim to accelerate the talented instincts of the women candidates to carry out the advanced studies and research.	• Fellowship: Rs. 47,000/-pm for I year Rs.49,000/-pm for II year Rs. 54,000/-pm for III year onwards • Contingency:

**Annexure-I (continued)****Annexure referred to in Part (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3634 for 20.12.2021 asked by Hon'ble MP SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA regarding Monetary Help to Students**

15	Junior Research Fellowship in Science, Humanities and Social Sciences	To provide Financial assistance to NET/JRF-qualified candidates to undertake advanced studies and research leading to M. Phil. / Ph. D. Degree in Humanities and Social Sciences including Languages and Sciences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fellowship: JRF @Rs. 31,000/-pm for 2 years</li> <li>• SRF @Rs. 35,000/- pm for remaining period</li> <li>• Contingency A (for Humanities &amp; Social Sciences) Rs. 10,000/- pa for JRF Rs. 20,500/- pa for SRF</li> <li>• Contingency B (for Science students) Rs. 12,000/- pa for JRF Rs. 25,000/- pa for SRF</li> </ul>
16	BSR Fellowship for Research (Ph. D)	To encourage doctoral Research in Science subjects in Universities with Potential for Excellence / Centres of Advance Studies and Department of Special Assistance identified by UGC.	The scheme has been merged with UGC NET-JRF
17	Swami Vivekananda Single Girl Child Fellowship for Research in Social Sciences	To encourage women to pursue Ph.D. in Social Sciences including Humanities and Languages.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fellowship: Rs. 25,000/- pm for 2 years Rs. 28,000 pm for remaining period</li> <li>• Contingency: Rs. 10,000/- pa</li> </ul>
18	P.G. Scholarship for University Rank Holders	To provide financial assistance to University Rank Holders for pursuing PG on full time/regular basis in Universities/ Institutes/Colleges in India.	• Scholarship: Rs. 37,200/- per annum
19	P.G. Scholarship for GATE/GPAT qualified students for pursuing M.Tech/ M.E./ M.Pharm	To provide financial assistance to GATE/GPAT qualified students for pursuing M.E./ M.Tech/ M.Pharm full time/regular basis Universities/Institutes/Colleges in India	• Scholarship: Rs. 12,400/- pm
20	P.G. Scholarship for Professional Courses for SC/ST candidates	To provide financial assistance to selected candidates belonging to SC/ST categories for pursuing Post-graduation in Professional Courses on full time/regular basis in Universities/Institutes/Colleges in India.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarship: Rs. 78,000/- per annum for ME/ M Tech Rs. 45,000/- per annum for other professional courses</li> </ul>
21	P.G. Indira Gandhi	To provide financial assistance to selected	• Scholarship:

	Scholarship for Single Girl Child	candidates being Single Girl Child for pursuing Post-graduation on full time/regular basis in Universities/Institutes/Colleges in India.	Rs. 36,200/- per annum
22	“Ishan Uday” Special Scholarship Scheme for North Eastern Region	To promote Higher Education in the North Eastern Region by providing financial assistance to students of the region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarship: Rs. 54,000/- per annum for General Degree</li> <li>Rs. 78,000/- per annum for Professional courses</li> </ul>
23	Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Students (Ministry of Minority Affairs)	To provide financial assistance to selected candidates belonging to Minority Communities viz. 1) Buddhist 2) Christian 3) Jain 4) Muslim 5) Parsi 6) Sikh for pursuing M.Phil/Ph.D research on full time/regular basis in Univs./Instts./Colleges in India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fellowship: JRF @Rs. 31,000/-pm for 2 years</li> <li>• SRF @Rs. 35,000/- pm for remaining period</li> <li>• Contingency A (for Humanities &amp; Social Sciences) Rs. 10,000/- pa for JRF</li> <li>Rs. 20,500/- pa for SRF</li> </ul>
24	National Fellowship for Students of Other Backward Classes (OBC) (Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment)	To provide financial assistance to selected candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes for pursuing M.Phil/ Ph.D on full time/regular basis in Univs./Instts./Colleges in India	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contingency B (for Science students) Rs. 12,000/- pa for JRF</li> <li>Rs. 25,000/- pa for SRF</li> </ul>
25	National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste candidates (MoSJE)	To provide financial assistance to selected candidates belonging to SC category for pursuing M.Phil/ Ph.D on full time/regular basis in Univs./ Instts. /Colleges in India	

## Annexure-2

Annexure referred to in Part (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3634 for 20.12.2021 asked by Hon'ble MP SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA regarding  
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Sr. No.	State / Board	CSSS (scholarships)	CSIS ( amount claimed)	NMMS (scholarships)	PM POSHAN [Central Assistance released (including Grant released for summer vacation as a one time measure)]	PRAGATI (scholarships)	SAKSHAM (scholarships)	PG SCHOLARSHIP (scholarships)	Doctoral Fellowship (fellowship)	Scholarship/ fellowships (under DBT by UGC)
		2020-21	2019-20*	2020-21						
		Amount ( in lakhs)								
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	0	3602.92	15.48	690.51	0	0	3.82	0	348.56
2	Andhra Pradesh	709	359833.60	1087.56	42356.08	1099.53	6.03	1989.25	0	4702.24
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	1170.08	14.04	3290.81	0.00	0	44.89	0	325.13
4	Assam	24.2	28837.33	273.48	82418.43	0.20	1.42	257.66	52.02	3275.09
5	Bihar	1344	473885.90	1862.76	148605.17	28.54	4.50	1688.32	0	3388.85
6	CHANDIGARH	0.00	4507.13	38.64	1513.62	0.97	0.00	58.81	0	831.22
7	CBSE	1073.5					0.00		0	
8	Chhattisgarh	286.4	70826.72	110.28	43277.6	4.71		611.49	0	588.73
9	DADRA AND NAGER HAVELI	0	565.95	8.04	1474.33	0	0	13.16	0	0.00
10	DAMAN & DIU	0	1035.08				0	5.77987	0	0.00
11	DELHI		49441.96	972.24	13931.88	0.85	0.84	750.86	60.07	10488.33
12	CISCE	10.5							0	
13	Goa	5.7	12616.94	10.80	1998.16	0.54	0.00	94.70	0	198.56
14	Gujarat	892.2	89343.83	1907.88	59522.92	1.90	3.23	1396.86	1.82	1269.49

15	Haryana	957.7	70202.79	1264.80	16769.97	1.65	2.50	738.01	5.96	6277.22
16	Himachal Pradesh	59.9	29893.67	402.72	11112.49	1.00	0.40	250.64	0	1406.11
17	J&K	46.9	53369.97	376.20	16621.16	0.00	0.20	266.37	0	5511.63
18	Jharkhand	2.1	155673.08	160.68	37823.47	13.05	0.00	443.35	14.71	1561.33
19	Karnataka	1064.3	1249351.91	1595.76	59304.11	248.01	133.92	862.94	181.67	4440.73
20	Kerala	842.9	1648000	1563.72	31858.17	259.40	13.90	1837.85	244.47	8490.51
21	Ladakh	0	0	0	555.79	0	0.00	0	0	10.38
22	LAKHSWADEEP	0	213.21	0	60.43	0.00	0.00	0	0	7.69
23	Madhya Pradesh	1358	327546	1595.71	92440.1	11.03	1.70	2565.05	100.03	2205.45
24	Maharashtra	1495.8	597362.17	7090.20	112906.96	163.97	9.63	4443.67	382.51	5588.81
25	Manipur	33.3	3699.21	15.60	4080.93	0.00	0.00	11.27	0	1020.00
26	Meghalaya	6.9	11021.54	36.48	8733.94	0.00	0.00	18.74	0	529.51
27	Mizoram	0	7198.25	33.24	2541.85	3.20	0.00	26.48	0	217.16
28	Nagaland	12.9	1943.22	79.08	2932.83	2.87	0.00	15.25	0	295.31
29	Odisha	773.6	189770.34	1677.36	65512.74	4.03	0.63	394.32	81.24	1998.94
30	Puducherry	23.5	37502.34	47.76	574.17	8.34	0.20	30.13	59.04	446.57
31	Punjab	304.5	30001.23	596.70	23698.98	1.88	0.54	344.89	66.93	4807.15
32	Rajasthan	617.6	254793.10	1329.72	82196.56	6.04	0.65	1071.11	0.59	7311.89
33	SIKKIM		2249.47	11.76	860.11	0.00	0.00	7.75	0.00	102.32
34	Tamil Nadu	857.1	1405645.92	3231.84	53619.87	145.38	11.25	979.52	194.91	3322.25
35	Telangana	1024	64456.58	613.44	4524.22	311.76	2.10	2042.54	0	4114.87
36	Tripura	47.3	11784.46	55.62	6396.64	0.40	0.00	14.27	0	207.26
37	Uttar Pradesh	1145.9	341561.86	616.86	230062.55	150.19	32.54	2478.28	0	31208.13
38	Uttarakhand	137.4	62008.51	436.44	13564.25	1.16	0.00	372.36	0	1518.55
39	West Bengal	1302.8	145057.88	2776.08	145455.49	29.42	6.78	1268.05	111.25	12936.01
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>16459.9</b>	<b>6802267.49</b>	<b>31908.97</b>	<b>1423287.29</b>	<b>2499.99</b>	<b>232.96</b>	<b>27398.42</b>	<b>1557.22</b>	<b>130951.95</b>

\* Claims for the fy 2020-21 are yet to be settled