

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2797**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 21/03/2022

**NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP AND OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP**

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of schemes currently run by the Government for the tribal students;
- (b) the details of funds allocated to implement the National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students and National Overseas Scholarship for ST candidates for studying abroad during the last three years State-wise including Jharkhand;
- (c) the details of grants released, expenditure incurred and the number of ST candidates awarded the Fellowship under National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST students for the last three years;
- (d) the number and details of ST candidates awarded the scholarship annually for pursuing M.Phil, Ph.D and M.Phil plus Ph.D during the last three years including Jharkhand; and
- (e) the details of the concrete steps taken by the Government to ensure that the fellowship amount is released to students in time directly into their accounts by Direct Benefit Transfer mode?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

**(a):** This Ministry implements the following ongoing Centrally Sponsored/ Central Sector schemes for Scheduled Tribe students in the country:

- (i) Pre-Matric Scholarships for ST students.
- (ii) Post-Matric Scholarships for ST students
- (iii) National Fellowship & Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students
- (iv) National Overseas Scholarships for ST students for studying abroad
- (v) Grants in aid to Voluntary Organisations Working for the Welfare of STs
- (vi) Strengthening Education among ST Girls in Low Literacy Districts
- (vii) Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS)

**(b):** The scheme of “National Fellowship and Scholarship Higher Education of ST candidates” and “National Overseas Scholarship to ST students for studying abroad” is Central Sector Scheme and no State-wise allocation of funds is done under these schemes. The details of fund allocated under these schemes during the last three years are as under:-

(Rs. in Crore)		
Fund allocated during last three years under the scheme of “National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST students”		
2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
100.00	100.00	120.00

(Rs. in Crore)		
Fund allocated during last three years under the scheme of “National Overseas Scholarship for ST candidates for studying abroad”		
2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
2.00	2.00	4.76

**(c):** The details of fellowship amount released and Scheduled Tribe candidates awarded the Fellowship under “National Fellowship” component of the scheme “National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST students during the last three years are as under:-

2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
Expenditure (Rs. in lakhs)	Beneficiaries	Expenditure (Rs. in lakhs)	Beneficiaries	Expenditure (Rs. in lakhs)	Beneficiaries
82.09	2456	81.00	2552	90.70	2625

**(d):** Under the scheme, the total number of fresh fellowship each year is 750. The selection of award of fellowship is based on merit and there is no State/University –wise allocation/ceiling on number of slots under the scheme.

**(e):** The Ministry has developed online portal for inviting and processing application for National Fellowship and National Overseas Schemes. The portals are integrated with concerned institutes for verification of documents which are fetched from Digi locker in Fellowship and Overseas scholarship students, The portal has online grievance redressal system. The fellowship amount is released directly to students account through DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) mode. Further, the scheme has been integrated with Public Financial Management System (PFMS) and DBT Bharat Portal.

For Prematric and Post Matric schemes, which are implemented by States, all States have developed their own portals or have adopted National Scholarship Portal (NSP) for inviting online applications, processing and fund release. The digital initiatives have substantially reduced the scholarship release time to students and funds to states.

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