

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3018
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2022**

PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

3018. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

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

- (a) the total funds released under Pre-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes students in Andhra Pradesh in 2021-22;
- (b) whether no funds were released for the State in 2018-19 and 2019-20 and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has proposed to increase the amount of Pre-Matric Scholarship; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI A. NARAYANASWAMY)**

(a): Central Assistance(CA) of Rs. 12.44 Cr. has been released in 2021-22 under the Pre-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes students in Andhra Pradesh.

(b): Till 2018-19, the funding pattern under the Pre-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Caste Scheme was based on the concept of Committed Liability (CL) of the State Governments/UT Administrations. As, in 2018-19, the demand under the scheme for Andhra Pradesh was within the Committed Liability (CL) of the State Government , no CA was released for the year.

In 2019-20, the funding pattern under the scheme was changed from concept of CL to a sharing ratio of 60:40 between the Centre and the States or Notional Allocation (N.A) based on SC population, whichever is lower. The Notional allocation for the State of Andhra Pradesh for 2019-20 was Rs.11.55 Cr. As the State Government had an unspent amount of Rs.15.54 Cr (from the CA released in 2014-15), which was higher than the Notional allocation for the State, no CA was released for 2019-20.

(c) & (d): It has been decided to merge the Pre - Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students with the Pre - Matric Scholarship scheme for the children of parents/guardians engaged in unclean and hazardous occupation. The merged scheme is known as 'Pre -Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students & Others'. The amount of scholarships under the scheme has been increased w.e.f. 2022-23. A statement indicating the changes in scholarship amounts is at **Annexure-A.**

Statement referred to in reply of part (c) and (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question 3018 to be answered on 22.03.2022**Change in rates of scholarships as per revised Scheme guidelines in the 'Pre -Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students & Others'**

Scheme	Day Scholar		Hosteller	
	Pre-revised rates	Revised rates (w.e.f. 2022-23)	Pre-revised rates	Revised rates (w.e.f.2022-23)
Component-I- Pre-Matric Scholarship for SC Students	Rs. 225/month for 10 months + annual Rs. 750 for books and adhoc grant (Equal to a total of Rs.3000 per annum)	Consolidated amount of Rs. 3500 per annum	Rs. 525/month for 10 months + annual Rs.1000 for books and adhoc grants (Equal to a total of Rs.6250 per annum)	Consolidated amount of Rs.7000 per annum
Component-II- Pre -Matric Scholarship scheme for the children of parents/guardians engaged in unclean and hazardous occupation	Rs. 225/month for 10 months + annual Rs. 750 for books and adhoc grant (Equal to a total of Rs.3000 per annum)	Consolidated amount of Rs. 3500 per annum	Rs. 700/- per month for 10 months + annual Rs. 1000 for adhoc grants (Equal to a total of Rs.8000 per annum)	Consolidated amount of Rs. 8000 per annum
