

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3097
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2022**

POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR SC AND EBC STUDENTS

3097. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved changes to post-matric scholarship scheme for students from SC category to enable them to access higher education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to extend the same scheme to the Economically Backward Classes (EBC) students of general category; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government has revised the Post-Matric scholarship scheme for SC students in March 2020 in order to further strengthen the implementation of the scheme.

The main changes effected in the revised Post-Matric scholarship for SC students are as follows:

- i. The funding pattern has been revised from the concept of committed liability of the States to a fixed sharing ratio of 60:40 between the Centre and States (90:10 in case of NE states), thus reducing the financial burden on the States/UTs substantially.
- ii. Payment of the Central share directly by DBT to the students accounts w.e.f. 2021-22 onwards.
- iii. Focus on coverage of the poorest households.
- iv. Fixed timelines for application, processing and disbursal.
- v. Simplification of processes for quicker processing, greater transparency, controlling duplication and wrongful claims by institutions etc.

(c) & (d): This Ministry has been implementing the Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for Economically Backward Classes through States/UTs. Since 2021-22, the Government has clubbed this scheme with Post-Matric Scholarship for OBCs & others under an umbrella scheme namely PM Young Achievers' Scholarship Award Scheme for vibrant India for OBC, EBC and DNT (PM-YASASVI).
