

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3218
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2022**

AIRFARES IN POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP

3218. SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

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

- (a) whether airfares are part of the post-matric scholarships and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether these airfares are part of the scholarship amount as buffer in case of serious situation which compels the students to return back home and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures taken to include deserving students from all the communities in the post-matric scholarships; and
- (d) whether there is a proposal to increase the current scholarship amount for students studying medicine abroad?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Under the Post Matric Scholarship scheme for Schedule Caste Students, no airfare is provided as it is available for studies in India only.

However, there is another scholarship scheme being implemented by the department, namely the National Overseas Scholarship Scheme under which air passage is provided to the beneficiaries for studying abroad.

The awardees can claim reimbursement of airfare from respective Indian Mission abroad after joining the University and providing joining report from University. Tickets for returning back to India are booked by Indian Mission abroad applying the principle of shortest route and by economy class. There is no concept of buffer in case of serious situation which compels the students to return back home in the Scheme.

(c): Post-Matric Scholarship schemes for studying in India, are being implemented by the Government for students of various communities such as SC, ST, OBC, DNT & minority etc., as per the criteria under the respective Scheme guidelines.

(d): No such proposal is under consideration in this department for the National Overseas Scholarship Scheme.
