

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5450
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2022**

INCREASE IN NATIONAL OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS

5450. MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:

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

- (a) the details of students who have been awarded the National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) during the last five years, year/category/subject-wise;
- (b) whether the mandatory 30 percent reservation for women candidates under NOS has been complied with every year during the said period, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has plans to increase the number of the NOS as recommended by certain committees; 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): The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment implements two National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) schemes. One is implemented by the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment under which financial assistance is provided to selected students from Scheduled Castes, Denotified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes, Landless Agricultural Labourers and Traditional Artisans for pursuing Masters and Ph.D level courses abroad. The other is implemented by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DoEPwD) under which scholarship is provided to the selected students with disabilities for pursuing Masters and Ph. D level courses abroad. Similarly, Ministry of Tribal Affairs is also implementing NOS Scheme for students belonging to ST communities.

The details of students who have been awarded the National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) during the last five years, year/category/subject-wise is placed at **Annexure- I**.

(b): There is 30% reservation for women candidates under NOS. The details for the last five years are as under:-

Details of women candidates selected under NOS Scheme from 2016-17 to 2020-21										
Min/Dept	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21	
	Total Candidates	Women Candidates	Total Candidates	Women Candidates	Total Candidates	Women Candidates	Total Candidates	Women Candidates	Total Candidates	Women Candidates
Department of Social Justice & Empowerment	108*	36	183*	47	100	35	100	30	100	31
**Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DoEPWD)	14	4	7	2	5	0	8	2	6	1
Ministry of Tribal Affairs	16	6	20	6	20	6	20	8	20	6

* It was decided to fill up the backlog vacancies of the previous years during 2016-17 & 2017-18. As per the scheme guidelines, 30% of the awards for each year shall be earmarked for women candidates. However, in case, adequate women candidates are not available as per the stipulations of the scheme, then the unutilized slots will be utilized by selecting suitable male candidates with the approval of the competent authority .

**As regards Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities is concerned, in case adequate number of female candidates were not available or not found eligible as per the terms and conditions of the Scheme, the unutilized slots were utilized by selecting suitable male candidates.

(c) & (d): Consequent upon approval, the number of slots under NOS have recently been increased from 100 to 125 w.e.f the Selection Year 2021-22 by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment. However, there being no proposal, slots under the NOS scheme by DoEPWD and Ministry of Tribal Affairs have not been increased.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5450 for answer on 05/04/2022 regarding Increase in National Overseas Scholarships.

The details of students who have been awarded the National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) during the last five years, year/category/subject-wise is as under:

i. Department of Social Justice & Empowerment

S NO.	Year	Stipulated No. of Slots	Candidates Selected	Category wise			Field wise				
				SC	DNT	Landless Labour	Engineering and Management	Pure Science and Applied Science	Agricultural Science and Medicine	International Commerce, Accounting Finance	Humanities & Social Science
1	2016-17	100	108*	108	0	0	51	18	11	08	20
2	2017-18	100	183*	178	2	3	106	25	07	03	42
3	2018-19	100	100	97	2	1	52	10	05	11	22
4	2019-20	100	100	97	1	2	70	13	07	02	08
5	2020-21	100	100	90	6	4	61	24	07	01	07#

* vacant slots of previous years were carried over

Field wise distribution of seats has been done away with from 2020-21.

(ii) Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DoEPwD)

S NO.	Year	Field wise					Total	Category wise					TOTAL
		Engineering and Management	Pure Science and Applied Science	Agricultural Science and Medicine	International Commerce, Accounting Finance	Humanities & Social Science		General	OBC	SC	ST	NOT MENTION	
1	2016-17	4	4	2	-	4	14	6	7	-	1	-	14
2	2017-18	6	-	1	-	-	7	6	1	-	-	-	7
3	2018-19	3	1	-	-	1	5	2	1	1	-	1	5
4	2019-20	4	1	-	-	3	8	4	2	2	-	-	8
5	2020-21	4	1	-	-	1	6	3	1	-	-	2	6

(iii) Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Year-wise and subject wise NOS awards to ST students

Sl. No.	Field/Discipline of study	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1.	Humanities	4	5	5	5	5
2.	Engineering	5	3	6	5	5
3.	Science/ Applied Science/ Agriculture/ Medicine	7	8	8	8	8
4.	Management		4	1	2	2
5.	Total	16	20	20	20	20
