

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1477  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2022**

**AWARD OF NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP**

**1477. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:**

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

the number of Schedule Caste students who have been awarded National Fellowship in the last five years across the country including in Odisha, district-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment implements the Central Sector 'Scheme of National Fellowship for SC Students' to provide financial assistance to students belonging to SC category, in the form of fellowship, to pursue higher studies leading to M.Phil/P.hD in Indian Universities/Institutions/Colleges recognized by University Grants Commission (UGC). This is a Central Sector Scheme directly implemented by the Ministry without involvement of the State Governments and since the year 2018-19 the selection of students is done on the basis of merit determined through the National Eligibility Test (NET) examination of the UGC and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). Therefore, district-wise data of beneficiaries is not maintained. However, the details of the number of awardees across the country, and in the State of Odisha, during the last five years, are as under:

**Statement showing No. of selections under National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste**

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of awardees across India</b>	<b>No. of awardees in Odisha</b>
2017-18	2000	75
2018-19	2315	50
2019-20	2366	62
2020-21	4841 (including backlog slots)	132
2021-22	1932	71

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