

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-228
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 18/07/2022

SCHOLARSHIP TO ST STUDENT IN ASSAM

228. SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN DAS:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the scholarship and educational schemes for the welfare of students belonging to Scheduled Tribes in Assam;
- (b) the district wise details of the current beneficiaries in Assam;
- (c) whether the Government also plans to extend the scope of similar schemes to more North-Eastern States;
- (d) if so, the details of the expected implementation timeline; and
- (e) the other policy/ measures taken by the Government for students hailing from the North-Eastern states including the financial assistance provided by the Government?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

- (a) : Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing following scholarship and educational schemes for the welfare of ST students in the country:
- i. **Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students:** It is a Centrally Sponsored Scholarship Scheme applicable to students who are studying in Classes IX – X. Parental income from all sources should be less than Rs.2.50 lakhs per annum. Scholarships are paid @ Rs.225/- per month for Day Scholars and @ Rs.525/- per month for Hostellers, for a period of 10 months in a year. Scholarship is disbursed through the State Government/UT Administration. Funds shared at the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and State Governments/UT Administrations and 90:10 for NE and Specially Category States/UTs (UT of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand) from 2014-15 onwards and for UT without legislature 100% Share is released by Centre.
 - ii. **Post-Matric Scholarship for ST students:** It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme applicable to students who are studying in any recognized course from a recognized institution for which qualification is Matriculation/Class X or above. Parental income from all sources should be less than Rs.2.50 lakhs per annum. Compulsory fees charged by educational institutions are reimbursed subject to the limit fixed by the concerned State Fee fixation committee and scholarship amount of Rs.230 to Rs.1200 per month, depending upon the course of study is paid. Scholarship is distributed through the State Government/UT Administration. Funds shared at the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and State Governments/UT Administrations and 90:10 for NE and Specially Category States/UTs

- (UT of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand) from 2014-15 onwards and for UT without legislature 100% Share is released by Centre.
- iii. **National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education to ST students:**
- a. **SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION (earlier known as Top Class Education For St Students):-**Scholarship is given to ST students for pursuing studies in prescribed courses in any of the 246 institutions of excellence across the country like IITs, AIIMS, IIMs, NIITs, etc. identified by the Ministry. Priority is given to girls. Total number of scholarships is 1000 per year. Family income from all sources should not exceed Rs.6.00 lakhs per annum. Scholarship amount includes tuition fees, living expenses and allowances for books and computer.
- b. **National Fellowship:-**750 fellowships are provided to ST students each year for pursuing higher studies in India for MPhil and PhD. Fellowship is granted as per UGC norms. Presently, @ Rs.25,000/- for JRF and @Rs.28,000/- for SRF(subject to revision). Contingency for M.Phil in Humanities and Social Science is provided @ Rs. 10000/- per annum and for Ph.D in Humanities and Social Science is provided @Rs. 20500/- per annum. Contingency for M.Phil in Science, Engineering Technology is provided @ Rs.12000/- per annum for and for Ph.D in Science, Engineering Technology is provided @ 25000/- per annum. Escorts/Reader assistance @ Rs. 2000/- per month is provided in case of physically and visually handicapped candidates.HRA as per rules of University/Institution / Colleges.
- iv. **National Overseas Scholarship for ST students:** The Scheme provides for financial assistance to selected students to pursue Post Graduation, PhD & Post-Doctoral study abroad. A total of 20 awards are given every year. Of these, 17 awards are for STs and 3 awards for students belonging to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). Parental/family income from all sources should not exceed Rs.6.00 lakhs per annum. Disbursement of scholarships through the Ministry of External Affairs/ Indian Missions abroad. Tuition fee, Visa fee, Poll Tax, Medical insurance premium and travel expenses to the educational institution and back to India are provided as per actual. In addition Annual Maintenance Allowance, Annual Contingency and Equipment allowance is also provided. The amount of Annual Maintenance Allowance is @\$15,400/- in USA and @ £ 9,900 in United Kingdom. For other countries US dollar equivalent rates are applicable.
- v. **Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes:** Under this scheme grants are provided to NGOs working in health and education sectors. Details of beneficiaries is **attached**.
- vi. **Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution:** It is a 100% grant from Government of India. Funding under this programme is to enable the States to meet the cost of such schemes of development as may be undertaken by the State for the purpose of promoting welfare of Scheduled Tribes in that State or raising the level of administration of Scheduled Areas therein to that of the administration of the rest of the areas of that State. Fund is released under the scheme for various activities including Education.
- vii. **Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS):**EMRS was introduced in the year 1997-98 to provide quality education to Scheduled Tribes (ST) students (Class 6th to 12th) in remote areas to enable them to access the best opportunities in education and to bring them at par with the general population. Fund is released to National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS), an autonomous society under the Ministry to manage and implement the scheme of EMRS. NESTS further releases funds to States/ UTs/ PSUs/ construction agencies/ State

societies for construction of EMRSs and recurring cost for running of the schools. As on 14.07.2022, a total number of 684 EMRSs have been sanctioned across the country out of which 378 have been reported to be functional.

viii. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS): Grants are released to 26 States, having ST population for development and welfare of tribal people under this programme. Funds are released to States based upon proposals received from the State Governments, and considered in the Project Appraisal Committee (PAC), to bridge the gaps in various sectors including education. From 2021-22 onwards, this scheme has been re-designed as Pradhan Mantri Adi Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAAGY).

(b): the district wise details of the current beneficiaries in Assam under these schemes is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

(c) to (e): All the above-mentioned schemes are implemented on pan India basis, including Assam and other North Eastern States. Under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship the funds shared at the ratio of 90:10 between the Centre and NE States and Specially Category States/UTs (UT of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand) whereas for other States the fund sharing pattern is 75:25.

Further, Ministry has set the target to set up a total number of 154 EMRSs in 8 North-Eastern States. As on date, Ministry has already sanctioned 133 EMRSs, including that of Assam, out of which 24 are reported to be functional.

Annexure-I

The district wise details of beneficiaries in Assam is as below: -

Pre-Matric Scholarship

Assam Beneficiaries for FY-2020-21		
Sr. No.	District Name	Total Records
1	BAKSA	129
2	KOKRAJHAR	375
3	SIVASAGAR	6
4	BONGAIGAON	1
5	CHIRANG	179
6	BARPETA	1
7	GOLAGHAT	124
8	JORHAT	44
9	KAMRUP	145
10	KARBI ANGLONG	74
11	SONITPUR	35
12	DHEMAJI	1715
13	LAKHIMPUR	149
14	UDALGURI	34
15	Biswanath	1
16	GOALPARA	11
17	NALBARI	9
18	DIBRUGARH	1
19	DIMA HASAO	5
20	MAJULI	1
	Total	3039

Note:- The details of beneficiaries for 2021-22 not reported by States/UTs.

Post-Matric Scholarship

Assam Beneficiaries for FY-2020-21		
Sr. No.	District Name	Total Records
1	BAKSA	8351
2	CACHAR	14
3	CHARAIDEO	22
4	KAMRUP METRO	748
5	KOKRAJHAR	8589
6	SIVASAGAR	207
7	DHEMAJI	9893
8	LAKHIMPUR	4353
9	UDALGURI	8046
10	BONGAIGAON	130
11	CHIRANG	3949
12	GOLAGHAT	1001
13	HOJAI	21
14	KARIMGANJ	7
15	MARIGAON	478
16	BARPETA	263
17	HAILAKANDI	8
18	TINSUKIA	385
19	WEST KARBI ANGLONG	141
20	DARRANG	93
21	DHUBRI	19
22	DIBRUGARH	549
23	DIMA HASAO	388
24	MAJULI	520
25	JORHAT	1103
26	KAMRUP	1280
27	KARBI ANGLONG	1740
28	NAGAON	304
29	SONITPUR	1138
30	Biswanath	354
31	GOALPARA	1187
32	NALBARI	196
	Total	55477

Note:- The details of beneficiaries for 2021-22 not reported by States/UTs.

National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education

(a) National Fellowship

ASSAM DOMICILE BENEFICIARIES IN F.Y. 2021-22		
Sl no	District	No. of students
1	BAKSA	8
2	BARPETA	2
3	Biswanath	1
4	CACHAR	2
5	CHIRANG	13
6	DARRANG	3
7	DHEMAJI	7
8	DIBRUGARH	5
9	DIMA HASAO	4
10	GOALPARA	5
11	GOLAGHAT	4
12	JORHAT	7
13	KAMRUP	5
14	KAMRUP METRO	6
15	KARBI ANGLONG	13
16	KARIMGANJ	2
17	KOKRAJHAR	31
18	LAKHIMPUR	8
19	MARIGAON	2
20	NAGAON	6
21	NALBARI	2
22	SIVASAGAR	1
23	SONITPUR	7
24	TINSUKIA	1
25	UDALGURI	17
	Grand Total	162

(b) National Scholarship (Top Class Scholarship)

ASSAM DOMICILE BENEFICIARIES IN F.Y. 2021-22		
S. No.	Name of District	Number of students
1	BAKSA	7
2	BARPETA	1
3	Biswanath	1
4	CACHAR	2
5	CHIRANG	5

ASSAM DOMICILE BENEFICIARIES IN F.Y. 2021-22		
S. No.	Name of District	Number of students
6	DHEMAJI	7
7	DIBRUGARH	10
8	DIMA HASAO	2
9	GOALPARA	3
10	GOLAGHAT	1
11	HOJAI	1
12	JORHAT	2
13	KAMRUP METRO	5
14	KARBI ANGLONG	2
15	KOKRAJHAR	8
16	LAKHIMPUR	4
17	MAJULI	1
18	NAGAON	2
19	NALBARI	1
20	SIVASAGAR	3
21	SONITPUR	1
22	TINSUKIA	2
23	UDALGURI	6
24	WEST KARBI ANGLONG	4
	Grand Total	81

National Overseas Scholarship

Beneficiary of Domicile state of Assam, paid in FY 2021-22 for NOS Scheme:

District Name	No. of Beneficiary
SONITPUR	1
Lakhimpur	1
Dhemaji	1
KOKRAJHAR	1
Chirang	1
DIMA HASAO	1
Total	6

Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes

Sl. No.	District Name	Number of beneficiaries
1	Cachar	164
2	Kamrup Metropolitan	32
3	Karbi Anglong	221
4	Nagaon	101
Total		518

Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS)

As on date, there is one EMRS functional at Dalbari, Baksa in Assam. Enrollment in this school for the current year, i.e. 2021-22, is 480 students.

Schemes of Article 275(1), and SCA to TSS

Beneficiary details under Article 275(1) and SCA to TSS are maintained at State level.
