

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2663
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2022**

PMS FOR SC AND ST

2663. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

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

- (a) The total number of seats covered under Post Matric Scholarships (PMS) for SC's and ST's, year-wise;
- (b) The number of courses available for SC and ST beneficiaries in the scheme;
- (c) Whether modern courses such as robotics and artificial intelligence can be pursued under the scheme by SC and ST eligible beneficiaries;
- (d) if so, the details of the number of SC and ST beneficiaries enrolled in such modern courses, year-wise;
- (e) Whether SC and ST students securing seats under management quota are eligible for the scheme; and
- (f) if so, such beneficiaries, year-wise and State-wise ?

ANSWER

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

(a): Under the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for students belonging to Scheduled Castes studies in India (PMS-SC) and Post-Matric Scholarship for ST students (PMS-ST) Schemes, the number of seats is not fixed as both the schemes are demand driven. All SC/ST students whose family income is less than RS 2.5 lakh are eligible for scholarship.

The year-wise number of total beneficiaries under PMS-SC & PMS-ST is attached as **Annexure I**.

(b): The list of courses under various groups, available for SC and ST beneficiaries under the above said schemes are given at **Annexure II**.

(c): All courses covered under the categories of Groups mentioned in (b) above can be pursued under the Schemes, which may include courses in robotics and Artificial Intelligence.

(d): Under the schemes, only group-wise data of the courses is available. Individual course-wise details are not available.

(e) & (f): Under the PMS-SC Scheme, all seats filled through arbitrary and non-transparent processes (including management quota, NRI quota, spot admissions etc.), without following the merit criteria as decided by the State Government are not eligible for scholarship.

Under PMS-ST Scheme, there is no specific provision regarding students admitted in Management Quota. The data of students admitted under Management quota is not maintained.

ANNEXURE- I

Statement referred to Part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Number 2663 to be answered on 2nd August 2022

(i) Number of Beneficiaries covered under Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students :

No. of Beneficiaries for 2019-20	No. of Beneficiaries for 2020-21	No. of Beneficiaries during 2021-22
52,80,189	62,37,819	30,25,136

(ii) Number of Beneficiaries covered under Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST Students :

No. of Beneficiaries covered in 2019-20	No. of Beneficiaries covered in 2020-21	No. of Beneficiaries covered in 2021-22
20,66,667	19,54,109	21,23,028

Statement referred to Part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Number 2663 to be answered on 2nd August 2022

The details of courses as per revised PMS-SC scheme:

Group	Courses
Group-I	<i>Degree and Post Graduate level professional courses</i> shall mean: all Professional courses in Medicine, Engineering, Technology, Planning, Architecture, Design, Fashion Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary & Allied Sciences, Management, Business Finance /Administration, Computer Science/ Applications (ii) Post Graduate Diploma courses in various branches of Management & Medicine(iii) C.A./I.C.W.A./C.S./I.C.F.A. etc. (iv) M.Phil., Ph.D. and Post-Doctoral Programmes (D.Lit., D.Sc. etc.) of Group I, Group II and Group III courses.(v) L.L.B, Integrated L.L.B, L.L.M
Group-II	<i>Other Professional Courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate</i> shall mean all Professional Courses leading to Degree, M Ed. / M. Pharma., Diploma, Certificate in areas like Pharmacy (B Pharma.), Nursing(B Nursing), BFS, other paramedical branches like rehabilitation, diagnostics etc., Mass Communication, Hotel Management & Catering, Travel/Tourism/Hospitality Management, Interior Decoration, Nutrition& Dietetics, Commercial Art, Financial Services (e.g. Banking, Insurance, Taxation etc.) for which entrance qualification is minimum Sr. Secondary (10+2) and Vocational stream, ITI courses and Polytechnic where entrance qualification is Class XII or above.
Group-III	<i>Graduate and Post Graduate course</i> shall mean: courses not covered under Group 1& Group 2 e.g. B.A / B.Sc. / B.Com etc. M.A/ M. Sc./ M.Com etc.
Group-IV	<i>All post-matriculation (Post Class X level) non-degree courses</i> shall mean: All post-matriculation level non-degree courses for which entrance qualification is High School (Class X), e.g. Senior secondary certificate (class XI and XII); both general and vocational stream, ITI courses, 3 year diploma courses in Polytechnics, etc.

The details of courses as per PMS-ST scheme:

Group	Courses
Group I	<p>(i) Degree and post Graduate Level courses including M.Phil., Ph.D and Post Doctoral research in Medicine (Allopathic, Indian and other recognized systems of medicines), Engineering, Technology, Planning, Architecture, Design, Fashion Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary & allied Sciences, Management, Business Finance/Administration, Computer Science/Applications.</p> <p>(ii) Post Graduate Diploma courses in various branches of management & medicine</p> <p>(iii) C.A./I.C.W.A./C.S./I.C.F.A. etc.</p> <p>(iv) M.Phil., Ph.D, and Post Doctoral Programmes (D. Litt., D.Sc. etc.):-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) In existing Group II courses</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) In existing Group III courses</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) L.L.M.</p>
Group II	<p>(i) Graduate/Post Graduate courses leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate in areas like Pharmacy (B Pharma), Nursing (B Nursing), LLB, BFS, other para-medical branches like rehabilitation, diagnostics etc., Mass Communication, Hotel Management & Catering, Travel/Tourism/Hospitality management, Interior Decoration, Nutrition & dietetics, Commercial Art, Financial Services (e.g. Banking, Insurance, Taxation etc.) for which entrance qualification is minimum Sr. Secondary (10+2)</p> <p>(ii) Post Graduate courses not covered under Group-I e.g. M.A./M.Sc./M.Com/M.Ed./M Pharma etc.</p>
Group-III	<p>All other courses leading to a graduate degree not covered under Group I & II e.g. BA/B.Sc/B.Com etc.</p>
Group IV	<p>All post-matriculation level non-degree courses for which entrance qualification is High School (Class X), e.g. senior secondary certificate (class XI and XII): both general and vocational stream, ITI courses, 3 year diploma courses in Polytechnics, etc.</p>
