

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTIONS NO. 3306
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2022

NATIONAL CHILDREN FUND

3306. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:
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SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Children's Fund (NCF) has achieved the objective for which it was set up and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the amount of funds raised by NCF during each of the last three years and the current year along with the achievement made by NCF since its inception;
- (c) the funds released and utilized from NCF for various schemes during the said period, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the number of children who have benefitted out of NCF during the said period;
- (e) whether less number of children are benefitted out of NCF and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the funds under NCF were released to the NGOs and if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) whether the scholarship is also being given to children under NCF and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a) Yes. The main objectives of the National Children's Fund (NCF) are :
 - i. To raise funds from individuals, institutions, corporate, and others; and
 - ii. to promote and fund the various programmes for children who are affected by natural calamities, disasters, distress, and in difficult circumstances through voluntary agencies and State Governments, in un-served and under-served areas including tribal and remote areas in pursuance of the National Charter for Children, and Children in difficult circumstances including children living in Child Care Institutions (CCIs).

The Fund is reaching out to the designated target population through Grants-in-Aid to voluntary agencies till 2016 and through Scholarships to children living in the CCIs. From 2017 onwards, the NCF has continued only scholarships for children living in the Child Care Institutions.

(b) The fund raised by NCF during the last 3 financial years and current year is as follows-

Year	Fund Received (in Rs.)
2019-20	33,75,600/-
2020-21	1,48,25,597/-
2021-22	17,91,825/-
2022-23	5,03,000/- (as on 31 st May 2022)

The NCF started with seed money of rupees one Lakh from the Government of India on 2nd March 1979. NCF has been raising its Funds out of public donations. The Fund has financed a total of 294 projects to the tune of Rs. 8,01,40,341/- since its inception till 2016-17 and given scholarships amounting to Rs. 85,45,500/- to 972 children living in CCIs since 2016-17.

(c) State/UT wise fund released and utilized by NCF for various scheme:

Fund released/utilized				
Year	Scholarship Amount	No. of children benefitted	Details of Grant-in-Aid	
			Amount	Project Details
2019-20	-	75	2,85,390/-	"Welfare and Development of Disabled Children" Project Sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh in January 2016
2020-21	-	50	1,49,670/-	"Imparting Computer Education to the Rural Students of Kalsi Block of Dehradun District" Project Sanctioned for Uttarakhand in January 2016
2021-22	35,76,000/-	400	-	State-wise detail of students given in table below
2022-23	-	100	4,99,500/-	"Redressal Approaches Towards Combating Problems Faced By Girls Child Needing Special Attention at Vulnerable Zones Comprising of Naxalbari and Kharibari, Blocks in the Backward Darjeeling District of West Bengal State" Project Sanctioned for West Bengal in January 2015

State/UT wise scholarships given to children for the year 2021-22	
State	No. of Children
Andaman & Nicobar	25
Chhattisgarh	11
Gujarat	32
Haryana	26
Jammu & Kashmir	62
Karnataka	20
Kerala	62
Madhya Pradesh	12
Maharashtra	8
Meghalaya	3
Odisha	8
Tamilnadu	108
Tripura	9
West Bengal	14
Total	400

(d) & (e) The number of children who have benefited out of NCF during the above period;

Sl. No.	Year	Number of Children Benefitted	Amount released (in Rs.)
1	2019-20	75	2,85,390/-
2	2020-21	50	1,49,670/-
3	2021-22	400	35,76,000/-

(f) The NCF has provided financial assistance of Rs. 8,01,40,341/- in the nature of one-time grant to 294 Voluntary Agencies/ non-profit Institutions, which were implementing schemes for welfare of children. The Grant in aid Scheme continued till the Financial Year 2016-17.

(g) Yes. the scholarship is provided to children staying in Child Care Institutions. The eligibility conditions are as follows:-

- The applicant should have secured minimum 55% marks in the final examination of the previous class and minimum 75% attendance.
- Students pursuing their studies from IX standard onwards are eligible for the scholarship.
- 50% of the total scholarship money will be earmarked for girl students.

Scholarship norm for students of different classes

Category of Class	Scholarship Amount
Class IX & X	Rs. 700/-p.m. per child (Child will receive Rs.16,800 on completing X class)
Class XI & XII	Rs. 800/-p.m. per child (Child will receive Rs.19,200 on completing XII class)