

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 196  
ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024**

**Scholarships to SC/ST Students of Class 1 to 12**

**\*196. Shri K Radhakrishnan:  
Shri Sukhdeo Bhagat:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- a) the details of Central funds allocated for scholarships to Scheduled Tribes (STs) students for class 1 to 12 from FY 2021-22 till date;
- b) the number of students who have availed these scholarships from FY 2021-22 till date, State-wise and year-wise; and
- c) the estimated retention rate of students from SCs and STs availing scholarships?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*196 ASKED BY SHRI K RADHAKRISHNAN AND SHRI SUKHDEO BHAGAT, HON'BLE MPs, LOK SABHA REGARDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO SC/ST STUDENTS OF CLASS 1 TO 12 FOR ANSWER ON 05.08.2024.**

(a to c): Department of School Education and Literacy is implementing Central Sector National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS), which is meant for meritorious students of Economically Weaker Sections and is open to students of all categories including SC and ST categories. One lakh fresh scholarships are awarded to selected students of class IX every year with continuation / renewal in classes X to XII for study in State Government, Government-aided and Local body schools under the scheme. The amount of scholarship is Rs. 12000/- per year starting from class-IX and continues till class-XII. Funds under the scheme are not released to State/UT Governments and scholarship amount is transferred directly into the account of the beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode. The details of fund allocated under the scheme for Scheduled Tribes (ST) students and state-wise number of Scheduled Tribes (ST) students who availed the scholarship from 2021-22 to 2023-24 is given at Annexure-I.

The estimated retention rate of SCs and STs Students availing NMMSS from class IX to class XII is 65%. The retention rate has been calculated on the basis of the number of students availing fresh scholarship in class-IX during 2020-21 and subsequent renewal of scholarship up to class XII in 2023-24.

\*\*\*\*\*

**Annexure-I**

**Annexure Referred to in Part (a) to (c) of the reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. \*196 asked by Shri K Radhakrishnan and Shri Sukhdeo Bhagat, Hon'ble MPs, Lok Sabha regarding " Scholarships to SC/ST Students of Class 1 to 12" for answer on 05.08.2024**

**Fund allocated and State-wise number of Scheduled Tribes (ST) students sanctioned under National Means -Cum- Merit Scholarship Scheme(NMMSS) during financial year 2021-22 to 2023-24**

S.No	Budget allocation	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
		₹10.50 Cr.	₹ 16.00 Cr.	₹ 22.00 Cr.
	States/UTs Name	Number of Scholarship (ST Category)		
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	*	1	2
2	Andhra Pradesh	436	452	627
3	Telangana	419	386	288
4	Arunachal Pradesh	95	238	120
5	Assam	175	215	254
6	Bihar	221	276	191
7	Chandigarh	*	*	*
8	Chattisgarh	385	10676	912
9	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	37	50	54
10	Delhi	23	23	26
11	Goa	5	14	76
12	Gujarat	2605	2743	2855
13	Haryana	1	4	3
14	Himachal Pradesh	320	346	344
15	Jammu & Kashmir	288	335	191
16	Ladakh	#	#	111
17	Jharkhand	332	370	402
18	Karnataka	797	806	869
19	Lakshadweep	*	*	8

20	Kerala	360	382	432
21	Madhya Pradesh	3128	3491	3331
22	Maharashtra	2627	2798	2908
23	Manipur	9	37	139
24	Meghalaya	54	91	127
25	Mizoram	217	684	283
26	Nagaland	*	*	65
27	Odisha	1725	1818	2062
28	Puducherry	*	*	*
29	Punjab	4	3	5
30	Rajasthan	1419	2364	2242
31	Sikkim	37	56	63
32	Tamil Nadu	212	241	209
33	Tripura	19	42	73
34	Uttar Pradesh	31	48	77
35	Uttarakhand	32	52	72
36	West Bengal	447	653	964
<b>Total</b>		<b>16460</b>	<b>29695</b>	<b>20385</b>
<b>Actual Expenditure<sup>^</sup></b>		<b>₹ 19.75 Cr.</b>	<b>₹ 31.05 Cr.</b>	<b>₹ 24.46 Cr.</b>

\* Proposal not received from States/UTs Government respective category.

# Ladakh included in Jammu & Kashmir State in financial year 2021-22 & 2022-23

<sup>^</sup> Actual Expenditure is exceeding the budget allocation due to the expenditure from General Head of the Scheme after exhaustion of SC/ST Head.