

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

**STARRED QUESTION NO.209
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2024**

EDUCATION AND WELFARE OF STUDENTS

***209 SHRI ARUN BHARTI:**

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

- (a) the details and outcome of the schemes and initiatives implemented by the Government to support the education and welfare of students from Scheduled Castes and Economically Weaker Section (EWS) communities;
- (b) the challenges and opportunities associated with providing comprehensive educational support to students from marginalized and EWS communities particularly in Jamui Parliamentary constituency;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to initiate more schemes for overall development of students from marginalized and EWS communities particularly in Bihar; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)**

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply of part (a) to (d) in respect of Lok Sabha Starred Question no. 209 asked by Shri Arun Bharti for answer on 06.08.2024

(a) The following Schemes are being implemented by the Government to support the education and welfare of students from SCs and Economically Weaker Sections (EWS):

1. Post Matric scholarships to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes for studies in India (PMS-SC);

2. Pre Matric scholarship scheme for SCs & Others;

3. Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers (SHREYAS) for Scheduled Castes (SCs), which includes:

- i. Top Class Scholarship for SC students (TCS);
- ii. Free Coaching Scheme for SC and OBC students;
- iii. National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme for SC etc candidates; and
- iv. National Fellowship for SC students (NFSC)

4. The Scheme for Residential Education for SC Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA)

5. Education Loan Scheme of National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC).

6. National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) implemented by D/o School Education and Literacy

7. Umbrella Scheme of PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India (PM-YASASVI) which includes:

- i. Pre-Matric Scholarships for OBC, EBC and DNT Students;
- ii. Post-Matric Scholarships for OBC, EBC and DNT Students;
- iii. Top Class School Education for OBC, EBC and DNT Students; and
- iv. Top Class College Education for OBC, EBC and DNT Students.

8. Umbrella Scheme of Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers (SHREYAS):-

- i. Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme on Education loans for Overseas Studies.

The number of beneficiaries and amount spent during last two years under the above mentioned schemes is at Annexure-I.

(b) to (d): The Department of Higher Education in accordance with provisions of the Constitution provides reservation upto 10% of total seats in admissions to Central Educational Institutions for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs).

The Department of School Education and Literacy provides scholarship of Rs. 12,000/- per annum under the Central Sector Scheme of 'National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)' for fresh one lakh meritorious students every year from the Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs).

This scheme and policy is available to all the EWS students across the country and there are no specific schemes for any States/UTs including Bihar.

ANNEXURE-I

Statement referred to in part (a) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 209 for answer on 6th August, 2024

SI No	Name of the scheme	2022-23		2023-24	
		Release (Rs. in Cr)	Beneficiaries (in Nos)	Release (Rs. in Cr)	Beneficiaries (in Nos)
1	Post-Matric scholarships to the students belonging to Scheduled castes for studies in India (PMS-SC)	4388.32	4647135	5475.42	4738578
2	Pre-Matric scholarship scheme for SCs & Others	207.93	1134268	446.64	2129540
3	Top Class Scholarship for SC students (TCS)	85.67	4171	83.84	3969
4	Free Coaching Scheme for SC and OBC students	18.4	558	7.76	223
5	National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme for SC etc candidates	86.59	125	88.56	125
6	National Fellowship for SC students (NFSC)	134.07	3,613	207.74	4163
7	Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas” (SHRESHTA)	51.12	16479	81.57	15816
8	Education Loan Scheme of National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC)	5.82	139	9.42	128
9	National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)	299.91	259524	300.10	250089
10	Pre-Matric Scholarships for OBC, EBC and DNT Students	361.37	2491000	193.82	Data not received from States
11	Post-Matric Scholarships for OBC, EBC and DNT Students	1005.61	2555000	988.05	Data not received from States
12	Top Class School Education for OBC, EBC and DNT Students	1.84	1275	6.55	2602
13	Top Class College Education for OBC, EBC and DNT Students	New scheme implemented w.e.f 2023-24		111.18	4762
14	Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme on Education loans for Overseas Studies	23.98	4159	56.24	2752
