

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2900
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 12/12/2024

FUNDS FOR PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

2900. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of tribal students benefited in Andhra Pradesh under Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme (PMS) since 2019-20, year and district-wise;
- (b) whether the allocation of the funds for the above scheme came down since 2020-21 and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether no funds could be released in 2022-23 and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the status of the funds released and utilized in 2023-24 along with the funds proposed for 2024-25?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a): The Pre-Matric scholarship scheme for ST students is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs through respective State Governments/UT Administrations. States/UTs are responsible for inviting application, verification of students and release of funds. The total No. of beneficiaries district-wise and year-wise from 2019-20 to 2022-23 as reported by State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh is given at **Annexure-I**.

(b): The scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students is a demand driven, open ended scheme, therefore every eligible beneficiary is entitled for benefit under the scheme. The Central share is released to respective States/UTs based on the demand/proposal received from them along with other requisite documents/compliance. The perusal of table below will show that the allocation under BE has not come down in last 5 years, however based on the actual demand submitted by States, the RE allocation has been reduced.

Amount in Rs crores

Financial Year	(Budget Estimate) BE	Final Allocation	Actual Expenditure
2019-20	340.00	440.00	439.99
2020-21	400.00	250.00	248.90
2021-22	400.00	394.14	394.14
2022-23	419.00	357.30	357.30
2023-24	411.63	308.61	308.60
2024-25	440.36	-	Ongoing

Further release of Central Share funds under the Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students to the State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh since 2019-20 by Ministry of Tribal Affairs are given in the table below:

Financial Year	Central Share released by MoTA to Andhra Pradesh (Rs. in lakhs)
2019-20	736.32
2020-21	1433.81
2021-22	3935.06
2022-23	0.00
2023-24	5700.16

(c): Fund could not be released in FY 2022-23 due to the non-compliance of SNA (as mandated by Department of Expenditure) by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(d): During FY 2023-24, Central Share of Rs. 5700.16 Lakh was released by Ministry of Tribal Affairs. As can be seen in table in reply to part (b) above, Ministry has got sufficient funds available for release to State Government based on proposal submitted by State Government for the current FY 2024-25, which is received on 09.12.2024. The release of funds is a continuous process which requires examination of Utilization Certificate, SNA compliance, putting State share in SNA account and submission of beneficiary data submitted by the State Government.

Annexure-I

S.No	District	Year wise No. of Beneficiaries			
		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
1	Anantapur	3737	1774	2321	1229
2	Chittoor	3571	1776	2060	854
3	East Godavari	6728	2927	4117	352
4	Guntur	5390	2723	3367	1112
5	Kadapa	1512	695	856	589
6	Krishna	2960	1574	1734	567
7	Kurnool	2014	849	1139	459
8	Nellore	3323	1807	2198	2233
9	Prakasam	2508	1211	1515	1114
10	Srikakulam	4307	1909	2460	1317
11	Visakhapatnam	13030	5240	8234	593
12	Vizianagaram	5768	2616	3566	814
13	West Godavari	3019	1575	1797	314
14	Alluri Sitharama Raju				11221
15	Anakapalli				950
16	Annamayya				1073
17	Bapatla				1061
18	Eluru				1827
19	Kakinada				469
20	Konaseema				265
21	Manyam				4050
22	Nandyal				840
23	NTR				1295
24	Palnadu				2112
25	Sri Satya Sai				1267
26	Tirupati				2488
	Total	57866	26676	35364	40465

Note: 13 New Districts have been formed from the year 2022-23.
