

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3513
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2024**

CRITERIA FIXED FOR CENTRAL SECTOR SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

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

- (a) the criteria fixed for providing scholarship under the Central Sector Scholarship Scheme of Top Class Education for the Scheduled Caste students;
- (b) the criteria fixed for selection of institutions to be empanelled under the above said scheme; and
- (c) the details of the fund allocated and released under the said scheme along with the number of beneficiaries under the said scheme during the last three years?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)**

(a): Under Top Class Education Scheme for Scheduled Caste, students with total annual family income from all sources up to Rs. 8.00 lakh and who have secured admission in a full-time course in any empanelled institution are eligible subject to the extent of the number of scholarships (slots) allocated to the institution by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE).

(b): The institutes are empanelled under the Scheme based on recommendation of the Steering Committee of DoSJE. The Indian Institute of Management (IIMs)/Indian Institute of Technology (IITs)/Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIITs)/All Indian Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMSs)/National Institute of Technology (NITs)/National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFTs)/National Institute of Design (NIDs)/Indian Institute of Hotel Management (IHMs)/National Law University (NLUs) and other Central Government Institutions are eligible to be empanelled under the Scheme.

Also, Institutions having National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) A++ and A+ accreditation, Top 100 National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) Institutions and Institutions of National Importance are eligible for empanelment under the Scheme.

(c): The details of the funds allocated, released and the number of beneficiaries under the Scheme are as under:

Financial Year	Funds Allocated (RE) (in Crore)	Expenditure (in Crore)	Number of beneficiaries
2021-22	70.00	84.72	4,544
2022-23	108.00	85.67	4,171
2023-24	100.00	83.84	3,969
