

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3671  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2024**

**SEATS RESERVED FOR SC/ST/OBC**

**3671. SHRI K RADHAKRISHNAN:**

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

- (a) the details of number of seats reserved for SC/ST/OBC in Central Universities vacant since 2014 and the steps taken to fill the same;
- (b) whether all scholarships under various schemes for SC/ST/OBC have been disbursed, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the details of the pending disbursement; and
- (d) the time by which the disbursement will be made?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): As per the information received from Ministry of Education, there are 18,940 sanctioned teaching posts and 3,5640 sanctioned non-teaching posts in Central Universities. The details of the number of seats reserved for Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe /Other Backward Class (SC/ST/OBC) for teaching and non-teaching posts in Central Universities that remain vacant as on 31.10.2024 are given below:

<b>Category</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>OBC</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Vacancy</b>	2207	1479	3440	7126

As informed by University Grants Commission (UGC), data regarding number of seats reserved for SC/ST/OBC in Central Universities vacant since 2014 are not maintained by the UGC.

(b) to (d): The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE) is implementing following Schemes for SCs and OBCs students:

### **Centrally Sponsored Scholarship Schemes for SCs**

- i. Post Matric Scholarships for students belonging to Scheduled Castes for studies in India
- ii. Pre- Matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Castes and others.

Both the Schemes are open ended, and the Central Share of scholarships are released to the eligible SC beneficiaries after receiving the finally verified State share paid data on the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) as made available by the States/UTs. The details of Central share released during the last three years are at Annexure-I.

### **Central Sector Schemes for SCs:**

- (i) National Overseas Scholarship for SC etc. Candidates'
- (ii) National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students;
- (iii) Top Class Education for SC Students; and
- (iv) Free Coaching Scheme for SC and OBC Students.

Funds released under these Schemes from financial year 2021-22 till 2023-24 are at Annexure-II.

### **Schemes for OBCs, EBCs and DNTs students:**

- i. Post- Matric Scholarships for OBC, EBC and DNT Students;
- ii. Top Class Education in Colleges for OBC, EBC and DNT Students; and
- iii. National Fellowship for OBC Students.

The funds released under these Schemes during financial year 2023-24 are at Annexure-III.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing the following Schemes for STs students:

- (i) Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST Students,
- (ii) Post Matric Scholarship for ST Students
- (iii) National Overseas Scholarship for ST students;
- (iv) National Fellowship for ST Students;
- (v) National Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students;

The funds released under these Schemes from financial year 2021-22 till 2024-25 are at Annexure-IV.

Annexures referred to part (b) to (d) in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3671 to be answered on 17.12.2024

**Annexure-I**

(Rs. in crore)				
Sr. No.	Scheme	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students	1930.38	4388.32	5475.42
2.	Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SCs & Others	570.18	207.93	446.64

**Annexure-II**

(Rs.in crore)				
Sr. No.	Scheme	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	National Overseas Scholarship for SC etc. Candidates	49.07	86.59	88.56
2.	National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students	127.85	134.07	199.82
3.	Top Class Education for SC Students	84.72	85.67	83.84
4.	Free Coaching Scheme for SC and OBC Students	14.98	18.41	7.76

**Annexure-III**

Sr. No.	Scheme	Fund released during 2023-24 (Rs. in Crore)
1.	Post- Matric Scholarships for OBC, EBC and DNT Students	988.06
2.	Top Class Education in Colleges for OBC, EBC and DNT students	111.17
3.	National Fellowship for OBC Students	89.70

**Annexure-IV**

<b>Details of Fund Released from 2021-22 till 2024-25 (till 30.11.2024)</b>					
<b>(Rs. in Crore)</b>					
<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Scheme</b>	<b>F.Y.</b>			
		<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
1.	Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST Students	394.14	357.30	308.60	9.68
2.	Post-Matric Scholarship for ST Students	2256.81	1964.65	2668.68	1832.46
3.	National Scholarship for Higher Education for ST Students	35.17	34.48	70.44	76.58
4.	National Fellowship for ST Students	84.83	110.52	159.56	88.29
5.	National Overseas Scholarship for ST Students	4.95	4.00	7.00	3.95

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