

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

**STARRED QUESTION NO.252  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2025**

**CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO SC AND ST STUDENTS**

†\*252. SHRI MURARI LAL MEENA:

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

- (a) the annual family income limit prescribed by the Government for providing scholarships to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) students;
- (b) the criteria adopted by the Government to determine the amount of scholarships;
- (c) whether the Government had reviewed such criteria, if so, the time last review was done and the outcome thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the family annual income limit for scholarships to SC and ST students, if so, the present status thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to increase the amount of scholarship being given to SC and ST students in view of the inflation and rising cost of education?

**ANSWER**

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

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

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**Statement referred to in reply of part (a) to (e) in respect of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 252 asked by Shri Murari Lal Meena for answer on 18/03/2025**

(a) The details of annual family income limit prescribed for the scholarship schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for Scheduled Castes (SCs) & Scheduled Tribes (STs) is at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c):- The scholarship amount under the schemes is fixed after due consultation with State Governments/concerned Ministries/ Departments and accordingly the scheme norms are approved by Competent Authority/Standing Finance Committee(SFC)/Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC)/Cabinet. The criteria adopted for review and the outcome for each scheme has been given in Annexure-II.

(d) & (e) The scheme guidelines are revised from time to time as per requirement and the issue related to family annual income limit & amount of scholarship are decided as and when such revisions take place in consultation with stakeholders including Ministries/Departments.

**Annexure-I**

**Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) in respect of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 252 asked by Shri Murari Lal Meena for answer on 18/03/2025**

The annual family income limit for scholarship schemes of SCs and STs:-

S.No.	Name of the Scheme	Income limit (per annum)	
		FOR SCs	FOR STs
(i)	Post Matric Scholarship Scheme	Rs. 2.50 lakh	Rs. 2.50 lakh
(ii)	Pre Matric Scholarship Schemes	Rs. 2.50 lakh	Rs. 2.50 lakh
(iii)	Top Class Education	Rs. 8.00 lakh	Rs. 6.00 lakh
(iv)	National Overseas Scholarship Scheme	Rs. 8.00 lakh	Rs. 6.00 lakh
(v)	Free Coaching Scheme for SCs and OBCs	Rs. 8.00 lakh	No such scheme
(vi)	National Fellowship Scheme	No annual family income prescribed	No annual family income prescribed

Annexure referred to in reply of part (b) & (c) in respect of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 252 asked by Shri Murari Lal Meena for answer on 18/03/2025

For SCs

Revision in scholarship rates under Scholarship Schemes for SCs (in Rs)				
Scheme Name	Sub category	Stipend per annum prior to revision	Year of last revision in scholarship rates	2023-24
				Stipend per annum after revision
Pre-Matric Scholarship	Day Scholar	3000.00	2021-22	3500.00
	Hosteller	6250.00	2021-22	Comp-I:- 7000
				Comp-II:- 8000
Post-Matric Scholarship	Day Scholar Group 1	5500.00	2020-21	7000.00
	Day Scholar Group 2	5300.00	2020-21	6500.00
	Day Scholar Group 3	3000.00	2020-21	3000.00
	Day Scholar Group 4	2300.00	2020-21	2500.00
	Hosteller Group 1	12000.00	2020-21	13500.00
	Hosteller Group 2	8200.00	2020-21	9500.00
	Hosteller Group 3	5700.00	2020-21	6000.00
	Hosteller Group 4	3800.00	2020-21	4000.00
Top Class Education	Books and Stationery	3000.00	2022-23	5000.00
	Computer allowances(one time in course)	45000.00	No change	45000.00
	Annual Maintenance allowances	29640.00	2020-21	41000.00
National Fellowship	First two years (M.Phil/P.hd)	31000.00	2023-24	37000.00**
	Last three years (P.hd)	35000.00	2023-24	42000.00**
National Overseas	(a) Annual Maintenance allowances for USA and other countries (in USD)	14000.00	2013-14	15400.00
	(B) Annual Maintenance allowances for UK (in GBP)	9000.00		9900.00
Free Coaching for SCs, OBCs and PM-Cares beneficiaries	Course fees	no fixed amount	2022-23	20000.00 to 75000.00
	Stipend	3000.00 (for local students) and 6000.00 (for outstations)		4000.00

**FOR STs**

<b>Revision in scholarship rates under Scholarship Schemes for STs (in Rs)</b>				
<b>Scheme Name</b>	<b>Sub category</b>	<b>Stipend per annum prior to revision</b>	<b>Year of last revision in scholarship rates</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
				<b>Stipend per annum after revision</b>
<b>Pre-Matric Scholarship</b>	<b>Day Scholar</b>	1500.00	2019-20	2250.00
	<b>Hosteller</b>	3500.00	2019-20	5250.00
<b>Post-Matric Scholarship*</b>	<b>Day Scholar Group 1</b>	5500.00	No change	5500.00
	<b>Day Scholar Group 2</b>	5300.00	No change	5300.00
	<b>Day Scholar Group 3</b>	3000.00	No change	3000.00
	<b>Day Scholar Group 4</b>	2300.00	No change	2300.00
	<b>Hosteller Group 1</b>	12000.00	No change	12000.00
	<b>Hosteller Group 2</b>	8200.00	No change	8200.00
	<b>Hosteller Group 3</b>	5700.00	No change	5700.00
	<b>Hosteller Group 4</b>	3800.00	No change	3800.00
<b>National Scholarship</b>	<b>Books and Stationery</b>	3000.00	2022-23	5000.00
	<b>Computer allowances (one time in course)</b>	45000.00	No change	45000.00
	<b>Annual Maintenance allowances</b>	26400.00	2022-23	36000.00
<b>National Fellowship</b>	<b>First two years (M.Phil/P.hd)</b>	31000.00	2023-24	37000.00**
	<b>Last three years (P.hd)</b>	35000.00	2023-24	42000.00**
<b>National Overseas</b>	<b>(a) Annual Maintenance allowances for USA and other countries (in USD)</b>	14000.00	2013-14	15400.00
	<b>(b) Annual Maintenance allowances for UK (in GBP)</b>	9000.00		9900.00

\*Last revision in scholarship rates was with effect from 01.07.2010

\*\* As per UGC norms

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