

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1236
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2025**

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUNG ACHIEVERS SCHEME

1236. SHRI KRISHNA PRASAD TENNETI:

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

(a) the details and number of scholarships awarded under Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme especially women, disabled individuals and those belonging to both SC and OBC communities, during the last five years, State-wise particularly Bapatla Parliamentary Constituency in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the funds allocated and utilised for grants awarded under the said Schemes for women, disabled individuals and those belonging to both SC and OBC communities, during last five years, State-wise particularly Bapatla Parliamentary Constituency in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the details and number of beneficiaries awarded under the Scheme, especially women, disabled individuals and those belonging to both SC and OBC communities, during the last five years, State-wise, particularly Bapatla Parliamentary Constituency in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) whether the Government has carried out any promotional activities for raising awareness regarding the scheme, if so, the details thereof particularly Bapatla Parliamentary Constituency?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment provides scholarship to Scheduled Castes (SC), Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Divyangjan namely:

- i. Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers (SHREYAS) for Scheduled Castes (SC): This is a Central Sector Umbrella Scheme of Department of Social Justice and Empowerment which comprises 04 sub-schemes namely: (a) Top Class Education for SC students (TCS), (b) National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste students (NFSC), (c) National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Castes etc. (NOS) and (d) Free Coaching for SC and OBC Students (FCS). Out of these four sub-schemes the first three are scholarship schemes.

- ii. Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers (SHREYAS) for (OBC) and others: This is a Central Sector Umbrella Scheme of Department of Social Justice and Empowerment which comprises two sub-schemes namely: (a) National Fellowship for OBC (b) Dr.Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs). Out of these two sub-schemes only the first is scholarship scheme.
- iii. The Department of Persons with Disabilities does not implement any Scheme under the name of Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers (SHREYAS). However the Department is implementing an Umbrella Scheme namely 'Scholarship for Students with Disabilities (Divyangjan)' which comprises six sub-schemes viz. (a) Pre-Matric (b) Post-Matric (c) Top Class Education (d) National Overseas Scholarship (e) National Fellowship for PwDs and (f) Free Coaching Scheme.

All the above mentioned Schemes are Central Sector Schemes, therefore, funds are not allotted to States/Districts. These Schemes are implemented on pan India basis and students from any State can avail benefit under the Schemes.

The number of students availing scholarship under the three Schemes during last five years are as under:

SHREYAS for SC

| Financial Year | Expenditure (in Crore) | Male beneficiaries | Female beneficiaries | Total beneficiaries |
|----------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 2019-20 | 272.3 | 3938 | 2450 | 6388 |
| 2020-21 | 218.89 | 4778 | 2372 | 7150 |
| 2021-22 | 261.64 | 5720 | 2628 | 8348 |
| 2022-23 | 306.33 | 5320 | 2557 | 7877 |
| 2023-24 | 372.22 | 5470 | 2779 | 8249 |

SHREYAS for OBCs

| Financial Year | Expenditure (in Crore) | Male Beneficiaries | Female Beneficiaries | Total Beneficiaries |
|----------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 2019-20 | 52.50 | 582 | 610 | 1192 |
| 2020-21 | 33.00 | 623 | 610 | 1233 |
| 2021-22 | 55.55 | 691 | 647 | 1338 |
| 2022-23 | 51.32 | 846 | 724 | 1570 |
| 2023-24 | 89.70 | 1095 | 914 | 2009 |

Scholarship for Students with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

| Financial Year | Expenditure (in Crore) | Total number of beneficiaries |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 2019-20 | 114.57 | 42972 |
| 2020-21 | 91.77 | 26067 |
| 2021-22 | 131.43 | 42136 |
| 2022-23 | 131.43 | 44162 |
| 2023-24 | 145.2 | 29374 |

(d): To ensure wider awareness of the Scheme, the Ministry has taken various steps such as advertisements in National and Regional Newspapers, running Social Media campaigns, Scheme Guidelines details uploaded on Website, follow up with States/UTs for popularizing the Scheme.
