

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1884
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2025**

SHRESHTA SCHEME FOR RESIDENTIAL HIGH SCHOOLS

1884. SHRI BAIJAYANT PANDA:

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

- (a) the total number of grant-in-aid institutions run by NGOs and residential high schools that have received funds for the SHRESHTA Scheme since its inception in 2023, particularly from the State of Odisha;
- (b) the details of schools and hostels selected for the scheme and the number of students enrolled through the National Entrance Test for SHRESHTA (NETS); and
- (c) the impact of the scheme in improving educational outcomes for SC students in targeted areas?

ANSWER

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

(a): The total number of grant-in-aid institutions run by NGOs and residential high schools that have received funds under SHRESHTA Scheme since 2023 is as under:

S. No	Year	No. of Residential High schools (Mode-I)	No. of grant-in-aid institutions (Mode-II)
1	2023-24	220	107
2	2024-25	224	68 (as on 05.03.2025)

In the Odisha, the details of schools and grant-in-aid institutions is as under ;

S. No.	Year	No. of Residential High schools (Mode-I)	No. of grant-in-aid institutions (Mode-II)
1.	2023-24	10	10
2.	2024-25	10	8

(b): The details of students enrolled through the National Entrance Test for SHRESHTA (NETS) is as under;

Year	No. of Students selected	No. of Residential High schools opted by the selected students
2023-24	2543	144
2024-25	2753	144

(c): The number of admitted students has been increased since inception of the scheme. The Scheme has helped in enhancing the reach of development Intervention of the Government and filling the gap in service deficeint SCs dominant areas. This has led to socio-economic upliftment and over all development of the Scheduled Castes (SCs) community.
