

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2043  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2025**

**NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOR OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES**

**†2043. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:  
SHRI RAMPRIT MANDAL:  
SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:**

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

- (a) the number of students provided with assistance by the Government under National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes Scheme in the country during the last ten years State-wise including Bihar;
- (b) the total amount provided by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether it is true that the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) students are facing a lot of difficulties in getting the fellowship under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if so, whether the Government is taking any measures to make the scheme a success, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SHRI B.L.VERMA)**

(a) to (b): State-wise details of number of students benefited with the assistance by Government under Central Sector Scheme of National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes (OBC) in the country including Bihar during last ten years are at Annexure-I.

(c) to (d): University Grant Commission (UGC), in October 2023, decided to enhance the fellowship payable to Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) scholars from Rs. 31,000/- to Rs 37,000/- per month and the fellowship payable to Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) scholars from Rs. 35,000/- to Rs 42,000/- per month. The increased rates have been implemented by UGC from January 1, 2023. Further, the number of OBC research scholars selected under the National Fellowship for OBCs (NF-OBC) Scheme has increased over the years. Due to enhanced rates and increase in the number of research scholars under the National Fellowship for Other Backward Class (NF-OBC) Scheme, the Department had to seek approval from the Department of Expenditure which has been received and the matter is under process for disbursement of fellowship amount to the research scholars.

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**Refer to the reply for part (a) & (b) of the parliament question no. 2043  
National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes (NF-OBC)  
States/UTs wise no. of scholars and funds released under NF-OBC Scheme**

Sl. No.	State/UT	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
		No. of Scholars	Funds Released	No. of Scholars	Funds Released	No. of Scholars	Funds Released	No. of Scholars	Funds Released	No. of Scholars	Funds Released	No. of Scholars	Funds Released	No. of Scholars	Funds Released	No. of Scholars	Funds Released	No. of Scholars	Funds Released
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	299316
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	11	4823786	22	9812737	31	10502953	25	7373814	53	27997272	54	19418736	52	22349691	45	15921931	48	19331372
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0	1	235000	1	225000	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	574809	3	995444	3	1171102
4	ASSAM	16	6989422	39	16533524	58	17525206.8	52	16183146	87	42499550.6	82	29254524	66	28564695	78	26272076	91	29656298
5	BIHAR	4	1092098	14	4365557	20	5431059	17	5457582	52	26758614	64	23989862	78	36373288	97	34756581	136	58058277
6	CHANDIGARH	0	0	2	683597	2	513000	1	476500	2	1078395	4	2256366	3	279714	1	340121	2	1131903
7	CHHATISGARH	4	1855400	9	2282916	11	3567670	9	2774600	16	6784296	19	6525302	25	12134181	20	6141626	21	8965723
8	DADAR NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN & DIU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	223021
9	DELHI	38	15752327	61	20575551	56	18423007	51	19740661	53	22837803	44	10382632	50	20061672	69	25427667	119	56582687
10	GOA	3	1105760	5	1315000	7	2848180	7	2562171	13	7829826	11	4101078	10	4846321	9	2457983	7	3108969
11	GUJARAT	14	5907735	29	10418822	30	9883116	24	7325851	56	23358522	55	21964650	48	18883176	35	12195344	34	11514083
12	HARYANA	7	2186442	15	4669981	19	5909490	16	4849736	30	15149222	35	12716736	53	22182637	78	24291369	105	51474139
13	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1	519800	3	810296	3	457500	1	290000	5	2627790	4	1726649	6	2889517	8	2284593	13	4684290
14	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	3	876800	5	1505650	6	1924140	8	2616141	14	7010335	18	4893706	18	8087245	20	6709098	26	11330169
15	JHARKHAND	9	2193714	13	4387292	17	5181985	15	6831474	33	15759554	31	9928416	34	16056545	42	15384333	40	16319564
16	KARNATAKA	23	9903586	33	12186202	42	13917828	33	10258948	57	27762934	42	15327385	44	18383612	36	12067974	42	19002113
17	KERALA	10	3601963	15	4988676	16	5055324	12	3952449	29	15018687	45	13848938	78	35977072	120	40231605	166	79274088
18	LADAKH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	MADHYA PRADESH	20	8324056	34	12815950	42	12246152	34	10439194.3	55	21070714.7	50	22462801	53	21728616	48	16650378	61	26088547
21	MAHARASHTRA	43	15734756	79	26640991	86	27368604	74	21566709	110	55630497	89	29869675	72	27130399	56	17774162	51	22128530
22	MANIPUR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1977431	9	2958829	22	8651441	31	10567715	41	18399927
23	MEGHALAYA	1	285000	2	805000	2	515990	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	MIZORAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	NAGALAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
26	ODISHA	5	1821733	13	3732083	17	5740893	19	5809096	30	13413835	47	16768420	58	27743096	70	22137630	71	31218772
27	PUDUCHERRY	9	3650180	14	4965978	14	4669664	15	6824643	17	6753714	8	3177885	7	2769317	10	3061335	11	5324270
28	PUNJAB	13	3816506	18	6063695.98	17	4883921.95	15	5027301.98	22	11023384	22	7633797	23	9728212	25	7393258	29	12979402
29	RAJASTHAN	12	4511825	33	12552532.91	39	11081114.55	27	7173322.33	71	35666211	76	26263526	85	35374477	96	29881019	111	48294071
30	SIKKIM	1	577000	5	2110145	7	2465980	7	2602350	15	5489432	10	3261526	6	2855865	6	2220096	8	2345304
31	TAMIL NADU	27	10866328	31	2827788	12	2663403	10	2922500	42	16654121	49	18896407	59	27988015	68	21241908	78	38441357
32	TELANGANA	24	9137078	44	14263032	39	12019504.4	33	11076222	37	17379653.8	39	15493066	34	18804029	39	10712223	52	23405371
33	TRIPURA	1	513339	0	0	3	530030	2	529250	5	1940800	5	2579607	5	2206343	7	2071591	7	2437785
34	UTTARAKHAND	0	0	0	0	1	305000	1	372500	6	2922797	8	2945853	9	4342428	14	4395428	21	8319550
35	UTTAR PRADESH	60	24467702	147	48253295.25	150	48632109.71	133	46816560.6	202	91574552.7	223	72785434	243	103084176	325	105560441	454	205190140
36	WEST BENGAL	25	9501395	38	12538552	47	14735225	38	11959486	75	41942601	90	30840036	95	41946148	114	34976416	159	77456600
<b>Total</b>		<b>384</b>	<b>150015731</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>242339844.1</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>249223050.4</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>223812208.3</b>	<b>1192</b>	<b>565912545</b>	<b>1233</b>	<b>432271842</b>	<b>1338</b>	<b>581996737</b>	<b>1570</b>	<b>514121345</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>894156740</b>