GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4920 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2025

SCHOLARSHIP FOR SCs, STs AND OBCs IN KARNATAKA

4920. SHRI SAGAR ESHWAR KHANDRE:

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to provide financial assistance, scholarships and interest subsidies for students from economically weaker sections, particularly SC's, ST's and OBC's pursuing graduate courses in recognized universities and colleges in the country, particularly in the State of Karnataka; and
- (b) the other steps taken in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): To provide financial assistance, scholarships and interest subsidies for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) students pursuing graduate courses in recognized universities and colleges in the country, the following Schemes are being implemented:

S.No	Name of the Scheme	Implementing Ministry/Department
1	Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SC Students. (PMS-SC)	Department of Social Justice
2	Scheme of Top Class Education for SCs (TCS-SC)	
3	Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for OBC, EBC and DNT Students (PMS-OBC)	
4	Top Class Education in Colleges for OBC, EBC and DNT students. (TCS-OBC)	
5	Credit/Loan-based Scheme for education Loan.	
6	Educational Loans under Individual Loan Scheme	
7	Post Matric Scholarship for ST students. (PMS-ST)	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
8	National Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students (Top Class)	

Apart from above, there are Schemes namely Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students (CSSS), Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme (CSIS) and Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme for Educational Loans (CGFSEL) and PM-Vidyalaxmi being implemented by the Department of Higher Education. Benefits under these Schemes are also extended to students of economically weaker sections, including SCs, STs and OBCs.

The above Schemes are being implemented on pan India basis and students from any State including Karnataka can avail benefits under the Schemes.
