

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1386  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2025**

**NATIONAL OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR MARGINALISED STUDENTS**

**1386. SHRI EATALA RAJENDER:**

**SMT. D K ARUNA:**

**SHRI CHAMALA KIRAN KUMAR REDDY:**

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

- (a) whether additional allocation is proposed for administering the National Overseas Scholarship scheme for marginalised students;
- (b) whether the Ministry withheld provisional award letters to 66 selected candidates “subject to availability of funds” in the 2025-26 cycle;
- (c) whether the Ministry administers this scholarship for students from Scheduled Caste, Denotified, Semi-Nomadic, and Nomadic Tribes, landless agricultural labourers and traditional artisans, backgrounds, for pursuing postgraduate studies in top universities abroad; and
- (d) if so, details thereof and present status thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): The total budgetary outlay approved by Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) for National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme for SC etc. for five years is Rs.175 crore (Rs.35 crore per year). The expenditure, however under the NOS Scheme for the period 2021-22 to 2024-25 has been Rs.298.39 crore which is in excess of the approved budgetary outlay of Rs. 175.00 crore for five years. Further, additional funds allocated under Budget Estimate (BE) for 2025-26 is Rs.130 crore.

For Selection Year 2025-26, provisional award letters have been issued for all selected 106 students.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment administers National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme for SC etc. candidates. Under this Scheme, financial assistance is provided to facilitate the low income meritorious students belonging to the Scheduled Castes, De-notified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes, Landless Agricultural Labourers and Traditional Artisans category to obtain higher education viz. Master’s degree or Ph.D by studying abroad in top 500 QS ranking Universities.

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