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SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS AT INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Government scheme and programmes of scholarships and fellowships for students of higher education at international institutions;
- (b) the total number of students benefitted by these scholarships and fellowships during the last three years;
- (c) the total amount of funds allocated by the Government for this purpose;
- (d) the criteria and process for selection of students under the scheme; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to increase the availability of scholarships and fellowships and raise awareness about such opportunities among students?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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(a) to (c) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE), Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MTA) and Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), Department of Science and Technology (DST) provide assistance to Indian students for higher education abroad. As per information received from the MSJE, MTA and ANRF-DST, in the last three years (2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25), the number of students benefitted by these scholarships and amount allocated for them are as under:

Ministry	Name of Scholarship	No. of beneficiaries during 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25	Amount allocated (₹ Crore)
MSJE	National Overseas Scholarship for SC students	291	181
MTA	National Overseas Scholarship for ST students	167	17
ANRF- DST	Overseas Visiting Doctoral Fellowship	69	16.11

Moreover, based on requests received from friendly foreign countries/institutions, the Ministry of Education disseminates information on scholarships offered by such donor countries for Indian students of all the States and Union Territories to study abroad.

(d) & (e) The eligibility criteria and process of selection for these scholarships can be accessed from the websites of the respective Ministry/Department, as given below:

Sl. No.	Ministry/Department	Name of Scheme & Programmes	Website Links
1.	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	National Overseas Scholarship for SC students	https://www.nosmsje.gov.in/nosmsje/
2.	Ministry of Tribal Affairs	National Overseas Scholarship for ST students	https://overseas.tribal.gov.in/
3.	Anusandhan National Research Foundation, DST	Overseas Visiting Doctoral Fellowship	https://dst.gov.in/anusandhan-national-research-foundation-anrf

In order to raise awareness about the Scheme among students, the MSJE provides advertisements in newspapers and letters are written to Principal Secretaries/Secretaries of Social Welfare Departments of the State Govts & UTs.

The MTA disseminates information regarding the scheme by publishing in employment news, major newspapers, on Ministry's website and social media platforms and coordinating with universities and State Governments.

The ANRF media cell is active through different social media platforms for raising awareness about the scheme.

Additionally, for foreign scholarships, wherein the role of the Ministry of Education is to either disseminate and/or nominate candidates on behalf of the donor country, the Ministry publishes Public Notice well in advance on the Ministry's website. (www.education.gov.in/scholarships) .
