

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.359
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2025**

UPLIFTMENT OF SC/ST COMMUNITIES THROUGH TARGETED SCHEMES

359. DR. BHOLA SINGH:

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

- (a) the achievements of schemes such as Stand-Up India, PM-DAKSH, and Pre-Matric/Post Matric scholarships for SC/ST beneficiaries during the last eleven years;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries under these schemes in Bulandshahr;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and utilised under these schemes during the said period;
- (d) whether the Government has undertaken any evaluation of the impact on economic and educational upliftment, if so the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the future plans for better targeting and inclusion of eligible SC/ST households in rural areas?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The achievements of schemes such as Stand-Up India, PM-DAKSH and Pre-Matric/Post-Matric scholarships for SC/ST beneficiaries during the last eleven years including the details of funds allocated and utilized under these schemes during the said period is at **Annexure-I**.

The number of beneficiaries under these schemes in Bulandshahr is at **Annexure-II**.

(d): Based on the extensive discussions and deliberations with the concerned stakeholders, the Pre-Matric scholarship scheme for SCs was revised on 14.03.2022 and the Post-Matric Scholarship for SC students was revised on 30.03.2021.

Further, Pre-Matric/Post-Matric scholarships for ST students were evaluated by Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) during 2019-20 as well as by NITI Aayog through KPMG. Both reports have highlighted the need to continue these schemes for educational upliftment of ST students.

(e): For better targeting and inclusion of eligible SC/ST households in rural areas, the Government has been actively undertaking outreach through social media, print and electronic media, and localized awareness campaigns via Gram Panchayats and school-level platforms.

Annexure-I

Annexure-I referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 359 for Answer on 22.07.2025, raised by Dr. Bhola Singh.

Details of achievements including the funds allocated, fund utilised and beneficiaries under PM DAKSH and Pre-Matric/Post-Matric scholarships for SC/ST schemes.

(Rs. in crore)

| Name of Scheme | Years | Fund allocated | Fund Utilized | Beneficiaries |
|---|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SCs & Others | 2014-15 to 2024-25 | 4,856.65 | 4,330.67 | 2,72,87,405 |
| Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students | 2014-15 to 2024-25 | 43,551.98 | 40,394.59 | 5,65,44,709 |
| PM DAKSH | 2020-21 to 2024-25 | 506.47 | 265.70 | 65,493 |
| Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for STs | 2014-15 to 2016-17 | 3,928.57* | 513.56 | 36,04,812 |
| Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for STs | 2014-15 to 2016-17 | | 3,133.83 | 59,64,724 |
| Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for STs | 2017-18 to 2024-25 | 2,519.34 | 2,518.20 | 99,95,277 |
| Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for STs | 2017-18 to 2024-25 | 16,297.39 | 16,294.08 | 1,62,93,853 |

* There was no separate allocation for Pre- Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship schemes for STs during these years.

Details of achievements under Stand-Up India scheme

The Stand-Up India scheme has facilitated over 2.75 lakh loans to SC/ST and Women entrepreneurs across the country since inception, as on 31.03.2025. The numbers of loans extended to SC/ST under the Scheme since inception i.e. from April 2016 till 31.03.2025 is as under:

| SC | ST |
|-----------|-----------|
| 52,902 | 16,991 |

Annexure-II referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 359 for Answer on 22.07.2025, raised by Dr. Bhola Singh.

Number of beneficiaries under the schemes in Bulandshahr

| Name of Scheme | Years * | Beneficiaries in Bulandshahr |
|---|--------------------|---|
| Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SCs & Others | 2022-23 to 2024-25 | 15,334 |
| Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students | 2021-22 to 2024-25 | 47,966 |
| PM DAKSH | 2020-21 to 2024-25 | 100 |
| Stand Up India | 2016-17 to 2024-25 | 534 (including 119 SC and 3 ST beneficiaries) |
| Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for STs | 2019-20 to 2023-24 | 0 |
| Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for STs | 2019-20 to 2023-24 | 36 |

*Details of beneficiaries in Bulandshahr are available for these years only.
