

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3797
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.08.2025**

HOSTEL FACILITIES FOR SCHEDULED CASTES

†3797. SHRI BALWANT BASWANT WANKHADE:

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

- (a) the details of facilities, including scholarships and hostel facilities being provided to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs) for pursuing studies abroad; and
- (b) the details and the number of students provided with such facilities during the last three years and the current year?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Under National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme, financial assistance is provided to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs) etc. for pursuing higher studies abroad. This assistance covers accommodation charges, living expenses, tuition fees, visa fees, medical insurance premium, incidental journey allowance, equipment allowance and to and fro air fare in economy class by shortest route.

The number of students who have been provided these facilities during last three years and the current year is at **Annexure**.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to part (a) and (b) of reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3797 to be answered on 12.8.2025.

Number of students who have been provided these facilities during last three years and the current year:

S. No.	Year	Number of beneficiaries (Gone abroad)
1	2022-23	98
2	2023-24	114
3	2024-25	79
4	2025-26	Provisional award letters to selected 106 candidates have been issued and these candidates are yet to proceed abroad for study.
