

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4351  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.08.2025**

**NATIONAL OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP TO SCs**

**4351. DR. D RAVI KUMAR:**

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

- (a) the number of students provided scholarships under the National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme for Scheduled Castes and other eligible categories, year-wise during the last seven years;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries under the NOS Scheme from 2019 onwards, State-wise;
- (c) whether any States have consistently received more than 500 eligible applications per year, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is a fact that despite high demand, only 125 total slots are sanctioned annually under the NOS Scheme, with just 115 for SC students, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government will consider raising the annual quota of scholarships under NOS to at least 1,000, particularly for States that have a large number of meritorious applicants, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT**

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- (a): The number of students provided scholarships under National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme for Scheduled Castes and other eligible categories during the last 7 years is at **Annexure I**.
- (b) State/ Union Territory-wise details of students who got scholarship under NOS Scheme from 2019 onwards is at **Annexure II**.
- (c) to (e): Applications under the Scheme are invited online by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment and not through the States/Union Territories. Some States/Union Territories also run their own scholarship Schemes for Overseas studies. The total number of seats under the NOS Scheme were increased in 2021-22 from 100 to 125. Out of these, 115 are reserved for Scheduled Castes, 06 for De-notified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes and 04 for Landless Agricultural Labourers and Traditional Artisans candidates.

**ANNEXURE-I**

**Annexure referred to part (a) of reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.4351 to be answered on 19.08.2025.**

Number of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and other category students provided scholarships under the NOS Scheme during the last 7 years:

S. No.	Year	Number of beneficiaries (Gone abroad)			Total
		Scheduled Castes (SCs)	De-notified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes	Landless Agricultural Labourers and Traditional Artisans	
1	2018-19	44	1	0	45
2	2019-20	39	1	1	41
3	2020-21	63	5	3	71
4	2021-22	95	2	1	98
5	2022-23	93	3	2	98
6	2023-24	107	3	4	114
7	2024-25	70	5	4	79
	<b>Total</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>546</b>

## Annexure referred to part (b) in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4351 to be answered on 19.08.2025

State/UT-wise details of the number of beneficiaries who have availed benefit under the NOS Scheme from 2019 onwards:

S. No.	State	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	Andhra Pradesh	0	4	0	0	3	3	Provisional award letters to selected 106 candidates have been issued and these candidates are yet to proceed abroad for study.
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	
3	Assam	0	0	0	0	1	0	
4	Bihar	0	0	1	1	1	2	
5	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0	0	
6	Chhattisgarh	0	0	1	0	1	0	
7	Delhi	5	3	2	4	8	7	
8	Goa	0	0	0	0	0	0	
9	Gujarat	0	1	4	8	6	12	
10	Haryana	1	3	7	2	3	1	
11	Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	1	0	
12	Jammu and Kashmir	0	1	0	0	1	2	
13	Jharkhand	0	1	0	0	0	0	
14	Karnataka	2	4	1	5	1	0	
15	Kerala	1	4	4	3	3	4	
16	Ladakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	
17	Madhya Pradesh	5	3	6	1	4	5	
18	Maharashtra	20	28	43	56	68	11	
19	Manipur	1	0	0	0	0	0	
20	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0	
21	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0	
22	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	
23	Odisha	1	2	2	0	0	0	
24	Punjab	0	1	4	5	1	6	
25	Puducherry	0	0	0	0	0	2	
26	Rajasthan	0	0	2	0	1	1	
27	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0	
28	Tamil Nadu	2	5	7	3	4	4	
29	Telangana	1	3	2	1	1	4	
30	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	0	
31	Uttar Pradesh	1	2	9	7	6	9	
32	Uttarakhand	0	1	1	1	0	2	
33	West Bengal	1	5	2	1	0	4	
<b>Total</b>		<b>41</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>79</b>	