

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1452
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2025**

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOR SCHEDULED CASTE

1452. SHRI BAIJAYANT PANDA:

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

- (a) the number of scholarships awarded nationally and in Odisha under the National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste (NFSC) and National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes (NFOBC) schemes;
- (b) the average time taken to disburse scholarships post-application; and
- (c) the measures put in place to enhance transparency and address grievances in the disbursement process?

ANSWER

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

- (a): The number of scholarships awarded Nationally and in Odisha under the National Fellowship for Scheduled Castes (NFSC) and National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes (NFOBC) scheme for the last five years is at **Annexure**.
- (b): Under both the schemes, the fellow can raise the fellowship claim between 1st to 15th of every month. The fellowship claims are generated by the Nodal Bank i.e Canara Bank, and thereafter, the fellowship amount is disbursed within one week.
- (c): To ensure transparency in the implementation of the NFSC and NFOBC Schemes, all processes are carried out through the dedicated Scholarship and Fellowship Management Portal (SFMP) being managed by the Canara Bank. Fellows can track the status and movement of their fellowship disbursement through the Scholarship and Fellowship Management Portal (SFMP). In addition, in case of any query/grievance, the candidates submit their grievance through the SFMP, CPGRAMS, or email. All such grievances are addressed within the prescribed timeframe

ANNEXURE

This Annexure referred to in part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question no. 1452 due for answer on 09.12.2025

Number of scholarship awarded Nationally and in Odisha state under NFSC and NFOBC Scheme during the last five years										
	2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
Scheme	Nationally	Odisha	Nationally	Odisha	Nationally	Odisha	Nationally	Odisha	Nationally	Odisha
National Fellowship for SCs	3961	123	3706	108	3608	107	4166	106	4143	84
National Fellowship for OBCs	1233	47	1338	58	1570	70	2009	71	2197	72
