

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1505
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2025**

WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OF BC/OBC COMMUNITIES

1505. THIRU D M KATHIR ANAND:

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has allocated funds for the Welfare and Development of BC/OBC People in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details of funds released during the last four Financial Years to the State of Tamil Nadu under the Special Central Assistance to OBC and BC communities, Post-matric Scholarship for OBC students and to National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC); and
- (c) the proactive measures taken by the Union Government to provide holistic development of people belonging to BC/OBC communities in Tamil Nadu, particularly in Vellore Lok Sabha Constituency?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI B.L.VERMA)**

(a): The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment allocates funds for the welfare of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) to all the States/ UTs including the State of Tamil Nadu through following schemes:-

(I) PM Young Achievers' Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India for OBCs and others (PM –YASASVI) with following components:

- i. Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for OBCs, EBCs and DNTs:
- ii. Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for OBCs, EBCs and DNTs:
- iii. Top Class Education in Schools for OBCs, EBCs and DNTs
- iv. Top Class Education in College for OBCs, EBCs and DNTs
- v. Construction of Hostel for OBC Boys and Girls.

(II) Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS-OBC) with following components:

- i. National Fellowship for OBC Students
- ii. Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs).

(III) Vanchit Ikai Samooch aur Vargon ko Aarthik Sahayta (VISVAS-BC)

(IV) Venture Capital Fund for Backward Classes (VCF-BC)

Funds released to the State of Tamil Nadu under Post-Matric Scholarship scheme for OBC students and by National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) during the last four years is at **Annexure**.

In addition to the above, Rs. 4.05 Cr has been disbursed to 38,615 beneficiaries through DBT mode in Tamil Nadu under the VISVAS-BC scheme, and Rs. 5.13 Cr has been disbursed to two companies owned by BC entrepreneurs in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last 4 years under VCF-BC.

(b): There is no concept of Special Central Assistance to OBC and BC communities in the department.

(c): Some of the steps undertaken by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment to ensure the effective implementation and to monitor the progress and outreach of welfare schemes for the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) for all States & UTs including the State of Tamil Nadu are as under.

- i. Regular Hand holding meetings/workshops with States/UTs including recently held Regional Meeting at Chennai on 27 October, 2025;
- ii. On boarding of Schemes on National Scholarship Portal;
- iii. Online end to end processing, verification of eligibility credentials through online transaction to ensure greater transparency and control duplicity;
- iv. Periodic review by holding meetings at National level, Regional level, State level and Field visits by Senior Officers; and
- v. Periodic review of the implementation of the schemes through third party evaluation studies.
- vi. IFCI Venture has been organizing several Conclaves / Seminars / Workshops/ Webinars to educate the applicants from the Backward Classes for availing the funds.
- vii. IFCI Venture has launched an online mentorship portal which is operational in all the states including Tamil Nadu where industry experts provide guidance & hand-holding support to aspirant applicants in various areas. The link for the portal is aye-mentor.in.
- viii. Marketing through Social Media handles viz., Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn & Instagram is also done on regular basis for Schemes' promotion open to all States including Tamil Nadu.

Annexure referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Question No.1505 for answer on 09.12.2025

1. The details of funds released to the State of Tamil Nadu under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for OBCs, EBCs and DNTs (PM-YASASVI) during last four years is as under:

Financial Year	Fund Released (Rs. in Crore)
2021-22	160.79
2022-23	82.97
2023-24	135.00
2024-25	119.37

2. The details of funds released to the State of Tamil Nadu under NBCFDC lending schemes during the last four years is as under:

Financial Year	Fund Released (Rs. in Crore)
2021-22	83.38
2022-23	104.57
2023-24	116.62
2024-25	125.97

3. The details of funds released to the eligible fellows by NBCFDC under the Central Sector Scheme of National Fellowship for OBCs (NF-OBC) in the State of Tamil Nadu are as under:

Financial Year	Fund Released (Rs. in Crore)
2021-22	2.79
2022-23	2.12
2023-24	3.84
2024-25	5.83
