

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 168
ANSWERED ON 01/12/2025

Scholarship Sanctioned under Central Schemes

†168. Shri Sunil Kumar:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of students of college and university who have received scholarship, sanctioned and distributed under central schemes of the Government since the year 2020 for the students of West Champaran district of Valmiki Nagar Parliamentary constituency of Bihar;
- (b) the structure form of National means-cum-merit scholarship scheme for Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan (CSSS);
- (c) the amount distributed yearly under these schemes during the said period;
- (d) whether any delay or irregularity has been observed in the disbursement of scholarship, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the remedial measures taken by the Government to release the money in time and to reduce the cases of disapproval for Scholarship?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (e): The Government is implementing different scholarship schemes for providing financial assistance to all categories of students, subject to extant scheme guidelines. The Department of Higher Education is implementing the PM-USP Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students (PM-USP CSSS). Since the year 2020, 7303 students of West Champaran district of Bihar have benefitted under the PM-USP CSSS scholarship scheme.

Under the PM-USP CSSS, financial assistance in the form of scholarships is provided to deserving and meritorious students for pursuing higher education. Students who are in top

20th percentile of successful candidates in class XII and having family income up to ₹ 4.5 lakhs per annum, are eligible to apply. In a year, 82,000 fresh scholarship slots are available. These have been divided amongst the State Education Boards based on the State's population in the age group of 18-25 years. 50% scholarship slots are earmarked for the girl students. Central Reservation Policy is being followed under the scheme, i.e., 15% seats are earmarked for SCs, 7.5% for STs and 27 % for OBCs and 5% horizontal reservation for students with Benchmark Disabilities as per schematic norms. The rate of scholarship is Rs. 12,000/- per year for the first three years and Rs. 20,000/- per year for the fourth and fifth year. To ensure timely disbursement of the scholarship amount, the scholarship is disbursed directly into the Aadhaar seeded bank account of beneficiaries.
