

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2621
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2025**

SC AND OBC POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS

2621. SHRI M K RAGHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to resolve delays and backlogs in the payment of SC and OBC post-matric scholarships in the States and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is considering any revision to scholarship rates in view of rising academic expenses and if so, the details thereof along with the timeframe set in this regard; and
- (c) whether the Government has received any representations from States regarding technical glitches in scholarship portals affecting timely approvals and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon?

ANSWER

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

(a): The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) implements Centrally sponsored Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students through State Government/UT Administrations on Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode w.e.f 2021-22. Central share is released directly into the Aadhaar seeded bank account of the beneficiaries. The release of central share is contingent upon States/UTs transmitting their State/UT share paid data to the Central portal/National Scholarship Portal (NSP). The aforementioned scheme is open-ended and demand driven for the eligible students of all the recognised institutions across India.

Ministry is also implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric scholarship for the students belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Economically Backward Classes (EBC), and De-Notified Tribes (DNTs).

Steps taken by the Government for effective implementation of the aforementioned schemes are as under:

- Periodic review by holding meetings at National level, Regional level, State level and field visits by Senior Officers.
- On-boarding of Schemes on National Scholarship Portal and online end to end processing.
- Regular hand holding meetings/workshops for National Scholarship Portal (NSP) on-boarded States/UTs having their own scholarship portals.

(b): For Post Matric scholarship scheme for SCs and Post Matric scholarship for OBCs, EBCs and DNTs, as per approval of Expenditure Finance Committee and the Cabinet, current scholarship rate is effective till FY 2025-26. Review and revision of the Schemes which also covers the scholarship rates follow a laid down procedure.

(c): For effective and transparent implementation of the Schemes, Scholarships are released through the designated portal. Further, the technical glitches reported are addressed and resolved promptly through the portal.
