

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2686
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2025**

**PRE-MATRIC AND POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMMES FOR SC
AND OBC STUDENTS**

2686. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

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

- (a) whether the pre-Matric and post-Matric scholarship programmes are being implemented by the Government for students of Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the efforts being made by the Government to ensure that not a single eligible student is missed under these programmes so as to achieve hundred per cent coverage for eligible students; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) implements the Centrally sponsored schemes of Pre & Post Matric Scholarship for SC students through State Government/UT Administrations on Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode w.e.f 2022-23 and 2021-22 respectively. Central share is released directly into the Aadhaar seeded bank account of the beneficiaries. The aforementioned schemes are open-ended and demand driven for the eligible students of all the recognised institutions across India. The released central share is contingent upon States/UTs transmitting their State/UT share paid to the Central portal/National Scholarship Portal (NSP).

Further, Ministry also implements Centrally sponsored schemes of Pre-Matric Scholarship and Post-Matric Scholarships to Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Economically Backward Classes (EBC), and De-Notified Tribes (DNTs) which are of 'Fund Limited' nature and the funds are released to the States and UTs on notional allocation basis after receiving their proposals.

Following steps are taken by the Government for effective monitoring as well as to ensure that eligible students are covered under these schemes:

- Regular capacity building and handholding/cluster/regional meetings and/or workshops for all States/UTs are conducted to review the progress of the States/UTs.
- 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.
- Advertisement to promote outreach and increase awareness:

-Snippets are are uploaded on social media platforms.

-Advertisements are published in National and regional newspapers in Hindi, English and regional languages.
