

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.363
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2025**

DISBURSAL OF NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOR OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES

363. MS. MAHUA MOITRA:

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

- (a) whether it is true that the disbursal of the National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes (NFOBC) has been irregular, if so, the reasons thereof;
- (b) the details of the budget allocated and utilised towards the Fellowship since inception and the number of beneficiaries, State and year wise;
- (c) the details number of beneficiaries whose payments have been delayed since January 2025, State and university-wise;
- (d) whether any scholars who have availed the NFOBC have discontinued their research work without completion, if so, the number of such scholars, since inception of the scheme and the reasons thereof State and year-wise; and
- (e) whether it is true that the quarterly disbursal of funds by the Ministry instead of monthly disbursements has led to the delay in fellowship disbursal, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b): The disbursal of the National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes (NFOBC) is carried out as per budget allocated. The allocation and utilization towards the Fellowship since inception year wise are at **Annexure I**. State wise number of beneficiaries and fund disbursed are at **Annexure II**.
- (c): The fellowships up to September 2025 has already been disbursed to all eligible scholars.
- (d): The details of such scholars who have availed the fellowships under the NFOBC scheme but have discontinued their research work without completion, state-wise and year wise is attached at **Annexure III**.
- (e): The disbursement of fellowships is done on a monthly basis.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 363 answered on 02.12.2025 asked by Ms. Mahua Moitra regarding "Disbursal of National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes"

National Fellowship for OBC		
Year-wise details of budget allocated and utilization under the Scheme		
Year	Budget Allocated (amount in Cr.)	Utilization (amount in Cr.)
2015-16	6.2	18.3
2016-17	27	27
2017-18	40	20
2018-19	110	30
2019-20	70	52.5
2020-21	120	33
2021-22	50	55.55
2022-23	53	51.32
2023-24	57	89.7
2024-25	55	148.15
2025-26	190.13	67.53 (as on date)

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NFOBC

States/UTs wise no. of scholars and amount disbursement under NFOBC Scheme

Sl. No.	State/UT	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25		2025-26	
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1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.03	2	0.11	1	0.01
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	11	0.48	22	0.98	31	1.05	25	0.74	53	2.80	54	1.94	52	2.23	45	1.59	48	1.93	36	1.84	31	1.18
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0.00	1	0.02	1	0.02	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.06	3	0.10	3	0.12	2	0.12	1	0.04
4	ASSAM	16	0.70	39	1.65	58	1.75	52	1.62	87	4.25	82	2.93	66	2.86	78	2.63	91	2.97	79	4.42	59	2.20
5	BIHAR	4	0.11	14	0.44	20	0.54	17	0.55	52	2.68	64	2.40	78	3.64	97	3.48	136	5.81	134	7.68	111	3.96
6	CHANDIGARH	0	0.00	2	0.07	2	0.05	1	0.05	2	0.11	4	0.23	3	0.03	1	0.03	2	0.11	2	0.13	2	0.10
7	CHHATISGARH	4	0.19	9	0.23	11	0.36	9	0.28	16	0.68	19	0.65	25	1.21	20	0.61	21	0.90	19	1.01	14	0.43
8	DADAR AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN & DIU	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.02	1	0.06	1	0.03
9	DELHI	38	1.58	61	2.06	56	1.84	51	1.97	53	2.28	44	1.04	50	2.01	69	2.54	119	5.66	128	7.19	112	4.56
10	GOA	3	0.11	5	0.13	7	0.28	7	0.26	13	0.78	11	0.41	10	0.48	9	0.25	7	0.31	6	0.28	4	0.12
11	GUJARAT	14	0.59	29	1.04	30	0.99	24	0.73	56	2.34	55	2.20	48	1.89	35	1.22	34	1.15	27	1.36	22	0.75
12	HARYANA	7	0.22	15	0.47	19	0.59	16	0.48	30	1.51	35	1.27	53	2.22	78	2.43	105	5.15	111	6.31	95	3.58
13	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1	0.05	3	0.08	3	0.05	1	0.03	5	0.26	4	0.17	6	0.29	8	0.23	13	0.47	11	0.63	11	0.36
14	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	3	0.09	5	0.15	6	0.19	8	0.26	14	0.70	18	0.49	18	0.81	20	0.67	26	1.13	27	1.59	18	0.65
15	JHARKHAND	9	0.22	13	0.44	17	0.52	15	0.68	33	1.58	31	0.99	34	1.61	42	1.54	40	1.63	45	2.38	35	1.28
16	KARNATAKA	23	0.99	33	1.22	42	1.39	33	1.03	57	2.78	42	1.53	44	1.84	36	1.21	42	1.90	47	2.95	38	1.29
17	KERALA	10	0.36	15	0.50	16	0.51	12	0.40	29	1.50	45	1.38	78	3.60	120	4.02	166	7.93	196	12.48	178	6.31
18	LADAKH	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
19	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
20	MADHYA PRADESH	20	0.83	34	1.28	42	1.22	34	1.04	55	2.11	50	2.25	53	2.17	48	1.67	61	2.61	67	3.78	52	2.01
21	MAHARASHTRA	43	1.57	79	2.66	86	2.74	74	2.16	110	5.56	89	2.99	72	2.71	56	1.78	51	2.21	39	2.03	30	1.05
22	MANIPUR	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	0.20	9	0.30	22	0.87	31	1.06	41	1.84	43	2.27	40	1.54
23	MEGHALAYA	1	0.03	2	0.08	2	0.05	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.09	1	0.01
24	MIZORAM	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
25	NAGALAND	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
26	ODISHA	5	0.18	13	0.37	17	0.57	19	0.58	30	1.34	47	1.68	58	2.77	70	2.21	71	3.12	72	3.94	55	1.99
27	PUDUCHERRY	9	0.37	14	0.50	14	0.47	15	0.68	17	0.68	8	0.32	7	0.28	10	0.31	11	0.53	14	0.83	11	0.39
28	PUNJAB	13	0.38	18	0.61	17	0.49	15	0.50	22	1.10	22	0.76	23	0.97	25	0.74	29	1.30	31	1.69	27	1.08
29	RAJASTHAN	12	0.45	33	1.26	39	1.11	27	0.72	71	3.57	76	2.63	85	3.54	96	2.99	111	4.83	118	6.64	99	3.52
30	SIKKIM	1	0.06	5	0.21	7	0.25	7	0.26	15	0.55	10	0.33	6	0.29	6	0.22	8	0.23	2	0.08	1	0.06
31	TAMIL NADU	27	1.09	31	0.28	12	0.27	10	0.29	42	1.67	49	1.89	59	2.80	68	2.12	78	3.84	92	5.83	89	3.50
32	TELANGANA	24	0.91	44	1.43	39	1.20	33	1.11	37	1.74	39	1.55	34	1.88	39	1.07	52	2.34	58	3.31	42	1.49
33	TRIPURA	1	0.05	0	0.00	3	0.05	2	0.05	5	0.19	5	0.26	5	0.22	7	0.21	7	0.24	3	0.17	3	0.12
34	UTTARAKHAND	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.03	1	0.04	6	0.29	8	0.29	9	0.43	14	0.44	21	0.83	21	1.33	19	0.67
35	UTTAR PRADESH	60	2.45	147	4.83	150	4.86	133	4.68	202	9.16	223	7.28	243	10.31	325	10.56	454	20.52	597	36.57	613	22.70
36	WEST BENGAL	25	0.95	38	1.25	47	1.47	38	1.20	75	4.19	90	3.08	95	4.19	114	3.50	159	7.75	166	10.10	154	5.79
	Total	384	15.00	724	24.23	795	24.92	679	22.38	1192	56.59	1233	43.23	1338	58.20	1570	51.41	2009	89.42	2197	129.21	1969	72.79

State-wise and Year-wise details of scholars who have discontinued their research work without completion

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ODISHA	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Joined the job/other fellowship	1	Joined the job/other fellowship	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
PUDUCHERRY	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
PUNJAB	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Joined the job/other fellowship	2	Joined the job/other fellowship	1	Joined the job/other fellowship	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
RAJASTHAN	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3	Joined the job/other fellowship	2	Joined the job/other fellowship	7	Joined the job/other fellowship	6	Joined the job/other fellowship	1	Joined the job/other fellowship	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
SIKKIM	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
TAMIL NADU	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Joined the job/other fellowship	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
TELANGANA	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
TRIPURA	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Joined the job/other fellowship	1	Joined the job/other fellowship	1	Joined the job/other fellowship	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
UTTARAKHAND	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
UTTAR PRADESH	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	Joined the Job	6	Joined the job/other fellowship	2	Joined the job/other fellowship	3	Joined the job/other fellowship	9	Joined the job/other fellowship	8	Joined the job/other fellowship	3	Joined the job/other fellowship	1	Joined the job/other fellowship	Nil	
WEST BENGAL	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	3	Joined the job/other fellowship	2	Joined the job/other fellowship	3	Joined the job/other fellowship	5	Joined the job/other fellowship	5	Joined the job/other fellowship	Nil	Nil	1	Joined the job/other fellowship	Nil	
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