

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3992
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2026**

SCHOLARSHIPS AND WELFARE SCHEMES

3992. SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI:

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

- (a) the number of beneficiaries from Telangana under central scholarship and welfare schemes and total funds allocated and utilised, district-wise;
- (b) whether any backlog or pending applications exist; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken to improve access to such schemes?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes are sanctioned and disbursed to the States and UTs. The number of beneficiaries in the State of Telangana under major Central Scholarship and Welfare Schemes of Government, fund allocation and utilization across the Country are at **Annexure-I & Annexure-II** respectively.

The expenditure under the Schemes is contingent upon the timely receipt of the proposals from the State Government/UT Administration including State of Telangana. The funds are released after examination of the proposals as per the scheme guidelines and after following the due procedure including receipt of Utilization Certificates (UCs)/fulfilment of Single Nodal Agency (SNA) balance criteria under various provisions of the Schemes. Under the major scholarship Schemes, disbursement is done through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode through Aadhaar Based Payment System.

To ensure wider awareness of the Schemes across the Country and effective utilization of funds, the Ministry has taken various steps such as placing advertisements in national and regional newspapers, running Social Media campaigns and follow up with States/UTs. Also, the Schemes are regularly monitored by the Department through National level Chintan Shivirs, Regional Meetings and National Conferences with the stakeholders and State/UT officials.

Annexure referred to in part (a) to (c) in respect of Lok Sabha unstarred Q. No. 3992 for answer on 17.03.2026 regarding Scholarships and Welfare Schemes asked by Shri Arvind Dharmapuri.

The number of beneficiaries (in numbers) in the State of Telangana under major Central Scholarship and Welfare Schemes for the Financial Year (FY) 2024-25 are:

S. N.	Central Scholarship and Welfare Schemes of the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment	F.Y. 2024-25
1	Post-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes	State of Telangana has on-boarded in 2024-25 and no State share paid data has been received on the National Scholarship Portal.
2	Pre-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes and Others	State of Telangana has on-boarded in 2024-25 and no State share paid data has been received on the National Scholarship Portal.
3	Scheme for Higher Education for Young Achievers (SHREYAS) for Scheduled Castes comprises of four sub-Schemes:	Being Central Sector Scheme, funds are not allocated State/UT, district-wise.
	(a) National Fellowship for Scheduled Castes	
	(b) National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Castes	
	(c) Top Class Education for Scheduled Castes	
	(d) Free Coaching for Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes	
4	Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) comprises of three components:	
	(a) Adarsh Gram	NA
	(b) Grants-in-aid for District/State-level projects for socio-economic betterment of Scheduled Caste(SC) communities	NR
	(c) Hostel	0
5	Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas for Scheduled Castes (SHRESHTA)	Being Central Sector Scheme, funds are not allocated State/UT, district-wise. However, in the Private residential schools/projects located in the State of Telangana, number of beneficiaries are 132.
6	PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India (PM YASASVI) for OBC, EBC and DNT, comprises of five components:	
	(a) Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT	
	(b) Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT	27,038

	(c) Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls (d) Top Class Education in Schools for OBC, EBC and DNT Students (e) Top Class Education in Colleges for OBC, EBC and DNT students	
7	Scheme for Higher Education for Young Achievers (SHREYAS) for OBC and EBC, comprises of two sub-Schemes:	
	(a) Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for OBCs and EBCs (b) National Fellowship for OBC	164
8	Vanchit Ikai Samoooh aur Vargon ki Aarthik Sahayata Yojana (VISVAS) for Scheduled Castes & Other Backward Classes (VISVAS-SC & VISVAS-BC	56,153
9	National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR)	12,032
10	National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE)	1,198
11	Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise (SMILE-B)	53
S. N.	Central Scholarship and Welfare Schemes of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities	F.Y. 2024-25
1	Umbrella Scheme titled “ Scholarships for Students with Disabilities(Divyangjan), comprises six components:	
	(a) Pre-Matric (Classes IX & X) (b) Post Matric (Classes XI to Post graduate Degree and Diploma (c) Top Class Education(Graduate and Post Graduate Degree/Diploma in notified institutes of excellence in education) (d) National Oversees Scholarship (masters Degree/Ph.D in Foreign Universities) (e) National Fellowship for PwDs (M.Phil and Ph.D in Indian Universities) (f) Free Coaching(for competitive exams for group A & B posts and entrance examination for admission to technical and professional courses)	231

NA-as focus is on infrastructure.

NR-Not reported

ANNEXURE-II

Annexure referred to in part (a) to (c) in respect of Lok Sabha unstarred Q. No. 3992 for answer on 17.03.2026 regarding Scholarships and Welfare Schemes asked by Shri Arvind Dharmapuri.

Fund allocated and utilized across country under major Central Scholarship and Welfare Schemes for the Financial Year (FY) 2024-25 are:

(₹ in Crore)

S. No.	Central Scholarship and Welfare Schemes of the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment	Funds Allocated (FY 2024-25)	Funds Utilized (FY 2024-25)
1	Post-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes	5500	5581.5
2	Pre-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes and Others	450	461.6
3	Scheme for Higher Education for Young Achievers (SHREYAS) for Scheduled Castes	428	404.61
4	Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY)	800	736.16
5	Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas for Scheduled Castes (SHRESHTA)	110	109.98
6	PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India (PM YASASVI) for OBC, EBC and DNT	1380.63	1435.51
7	Scheme for Higher Education for Young Achievers (SHREYAS) for OBC and EBC	80	157.64
8	Vanchit Ikai Samooh aur Vargon ki Aarthik Sahayata Yojana (VISVAS) for Scheduled Castes & Other Backward Classes (VISVAS-SC & VISVAS-BC)	23.44	23.44
9	National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR)	240	266.69
10	National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE)	50	44.98
11	Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise (SMILE-B)	15	9.65
SN	Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities	Funds Allocated (FY 2024-25)	Funds Utilized (FY 2024-25)
1	Umbrella Scheme titled "Scholarships for Students with Disabilities (Divyangjan)	80.00	89.74
