

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 77
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.01.2026

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES FOR ST STUDENTS

77. Shri Baijayant Panda:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of ST students who have benefited from scholarship schemes (Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Higher Education Fellowships) particularly in the State of Odisha in 2025-26;
- (b) the total funds allocated and disbursed for these scholarships during the financial year 2025-26;
- (c) the percentage of female beneficiaries under these schemes; and
- (d) the initiatives taken to improve awareness and accessibility of scholarship schemes among tribal communities in remote areas?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

- a) Scheme wise number of beneficiaries under the scholarship schemes implemented by Ministry of Tribal Affairs is as given below:-

Scheme Name	2025-26	
	All India Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries in State of Odisha
Pre-Matric Scholarship	671589	125832
Post Matric Scholarship	2342956	252391
National Scholarship	8508	126
National Fellowship	2792	199
National Overseas Scholarship	29	Nil

- b) Scheme wise BE and Fund released during the FY 2025-26 as on 27.01.2026 is given below:-

Scheme Name	Funds allocated	Expenditure (as on 27.01.2026)
		(Rs. in crores)
Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students	175.00	170.63
Post Matric Scholarship for ST students	2864.34	2836.96
National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST students	220.00	144.67
National Overseas Scholarship for ST students	8.00	2.01

c) Scheme wise percentage of female beneficiaries

Scheme Name	2025-26
Pre-Matric Scholarship	56.44%
Post Matric Scholarship	58.37%
National Scholarship	24.00%
National Fellowship	52.89%
National Overseas Scholarship	51.72%

d) The Pre & Post matric Scholarship Schemes are Centrally sponsored Schemes and are implemented through the respective State/UT administration. The States and UTs publicize these schemes in print & electronic media and also through their web-site.

National Scholarship Scheme, National Fellowship Scheme and National Overseas Scheme are Central Sector Schemes implemented by the Ministry and are 100% funded by GOI. The Ministry gives publicity by publishing advertisements in news papers, portal, Universities and Institutions and also through State Tribal Welfare Departments. The Ministry also proposes to conduct awareness campaigns in remote tribal areas.
