

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*109  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2015**

**Scholarship Scheme for Girls**

\*109 SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has launched a Scholarship Scheme for single girl child namely 'Pragati';
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the scheme;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide relief to more than one girl child without male sibling families with an annual income of Rs. Six lakh per annum or less; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

**(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)**

**(a) to (d):** A statement is laid on the floor of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 109 FOR 07.12.2015 ASKED BY SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY REGARDING "SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR GIRLS".**

**(a):** Yes, Madam.

**(b):** The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has launched the scheme "**Pragati**" to provide assistance for advancement of girls participation in Technical Education. Under the scheme, 4000 scholarships are granted annually on "one girl, per family" basis where the family income is Rs. 6 Lakhs/ annum or less. The candidates should have been admitted to 1st year of the Degree or Diploma programme in any of the AICTE approved institute during the academic year 2015-16 through centralized admission process of the State/ Centre Government. The candidates are selected on merit at the qualifying examination to pursue technical education from amongst such candidates. Tuition Fee of Rs. 30000/- or at actual, whichever is less and Rs. 2000/- per month for 10 months as incidentals each year is provided under the scheme as financial assistance. The detailed information about the scheme is available at AICTE web portal <http://www.aicte-india.org/pragathiSaksham.php>.

**(c):** No, Madam.

**(d):** Does not arise.

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