

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 194

TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.11.2015

Scholarship under Talent Search Scheme

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to raise the number of scholarships under National Talent Search Scheme in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)**

(a) & (b): National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has proposed to increase the number of scholarships under the National Talent Search (NTS) Scheme from 1000 to 2000 per year.

(c) The Committee on Non-Plan Expenditure (CNE) had, *inter-alia*, considered a proposal in February, 2014 for enhancement of the number of scholarships under the National Talent Search Scheme and directed for external evaluation of the Scheme before considering the proposal. The NCERT has, however, not completed the evaluation of the Scheme. The time required for revision of number depends, *inter-alia*, on the completion of the evaluation, the availability of funds and approval by the competent authority.