

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2637
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2015**

2637. UPLIFTMENT OF OBCS

SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

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

- (a) the total number of unemployed graduates belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the country as on date along with the measures taken to provide them employment; and
- (b) the details of schemes formulated and implemented for the welfare and upliftment of OBCs by the Government and the number of OBC families benefited from those schemes?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)

(a) As per NSSO 68th Report (2011-12), among the total number of OBC unemployed persons of age 15 years and above, around 4.73% OBCs were unemployed graduate in the country.

To provide employment to the OBCs, General Loan Schemes and Micro Finance Schemes are being implemented through National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation.

The following welfare schemes are implemented by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for welfare and upliftment of OBCs in the country:-

- (i) Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC Students
- (ii) Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC Students
- (iii) Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls
- (iv) Assistance to Voluntary Organizations working for welfare of OBCs
- (v) National Fellowship for OBCs
- (vi) Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loan for Overseas Studies for OBCs

The details of the schemes are annexed.

Annexure as referred to in part (b) of the Answer to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2637 for 15.10.2015 asked by Shri Satish Chandra Dubey regarding “Upliftment of OBCs”

1. Post-Matric Scholarship to the OBC Students

The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the OBC students studying at post-matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education. The income ceiling of parents/guardians for eligibility is Rs.1.00 lakh per annum (including self income, if employed).

The number of students benefited under the Scheme during 2014-15 is 40.46 lakh (provisional).

2. Pre-Matric Scholarship to the OBC Students

The aim of this Scheme is to motivate children of OBCs studying at pre-matric stage. The income ceiling for eligibility is Rs. 44,500/- per annum.

The number of students benefited under the Scheme during 2014-15 is 63.34 lakh (provisional).

3. Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls

The Scheme aims at providing hostel facilities to students belonging to socially and educationally backward classes and the cost norms are:

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| a. North Eastern Region | - | Rs.3.50 lakh per seat |
| b. Himalayan Regions | - | Rs.3.25 lakh per seat |
| c. Rest of country | - | Rs.3.00 lakh per seat |

or as per the schedule of the rates for the concerned State Government, whichever is lower.

Hostels have been sanctioned for 2950 seats under the Scheme during 2014-15.

4. National Fellowship (NF) for OBC Students

The scheme aims at providing financial assistance to the OBC students in obtaining quality higher education leading to degrees such as M.Phil and Ph.D in universities, research institutions and scientific institutions.

300 Junior Research Fellowships have been awarded by the University Grants Commission under the Scheme during 2014-15.

5. Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for the Students belonging to the Other Backward Classes (OBCs)

The objective of the scheme is to award interest subsidy to meritorious OBC students so as to provide them better opportunities for higher education abroad and enhance their employability. 63 OBC students have so far been benefited under the scheme.

6. Assistance to Voluntary Organizations working for the Welfare of OBCs (NGO Scheme)

The purpose of this scheme is to involve the Voluntary Organization working for welfare of OBCs by providing skill up-gradation in various trades.

The number of beneficiaries under the Scheme during 2014-15 is 9480.

7. Loan by National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC)

NBCFDC provides loans under its General Loans Schemes and Micro Finance Schemes. Total number of beneficiaries benefited in 2014-15 under these schemes is 1,29,633.
