

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
QUESTION NO 2339.
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.05.2016
SCHOLARSHIP FOR STS

2339. SHRI P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementation of National Fellowship & Scholarship scheme for Education of Scheduled Tribe Students in the country, State/UT-wise including Kerala; and
- (b) the details of funds sanctioned released and utilized in this regard during each of the last three years and the number of beneficiaries therefrom, State/UT-wise including Kerala?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA)

(a) & (b) The National Fellowship and Scholarship Scheme for Higher Education of ST Students comprises of two sub-schemes namely (i) Top Class Education for ST Students for students studying in any of the 158 institutes of repute identified by the Ministry and (ii) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowships for ST students which is implemented through University Grants Commission. 1000 students, as per merit, from all over the country are provided scholarship under the Top Class Education scheme and 750 applicants are given fellowship for pursuing M. Phil/Ph.D. Applicants are given benefit directly under DBT mode, hence there is no State-wise allocation of funds under the scheme. The requisite details sought are given in **Annexure**.

Annexure - I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2339 for answer on 09.05.2016 tabled by SHRI P.K. BIJU, MP, regarding "Scholarship for STs".

Under the Top Class Education for ST Students, financial assistance is provided to ST students studying in any of the 158 top class institutes identified by the Ministry. Hence, funds are not allocated state-wise. The details of funds released and number of beneficiaries during each of the last three years is as under:

Grants-in-aid released alongwith no. of beneficiaries under the Scheme of Top Class Educaiton for ST Students from 2013-14 to 2015-16			
(in Rs. Lakhs)			
Sl. No.	Year	Amount Released	No. of Beneficiries
1	2013-14	950.00	550
2	2014-15	1849.85	688
3	2015-16	1552.32	1017

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Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for ST Students is implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs through the University Grants Commission. There is no state wise allocation of funds under this Scheme. However, year-wise details of funds sanctioned and State-wise number of candidates selected under the scheme during the years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 are as under:

S. No.	Name of the State/UT	Number of ST candidates selected under the scheme of RGNF for ST students		
		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
FUNDS RELEASED		0.00	0.00	Rs.3138.76 Lakhs
1.	Andhra Pradesh	40	22	30
2.	Andaman & Nicobar	0	1	0
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	12	7	17
4.	Assam	50	26	47
5.	Bihar	3	6	0
6.	Chhattisgarh	10	53	15
7.	Goa	1	1	2
8.	Gujarat	58	58	87
9.	Himachal Pradesh	2	2	15
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	18	10	33
11.	Jharkhand	57	56	30
12.	Karnataka	27	27	49
13.	Kerala	3	3	1
14.	Lakshadweep	1	1	0
15.	Madhya Pradesh	95	95	78
16.	Maharashtra	36	66	32
17.	Manipur	14	7	34
18.	Meghalaya	28	16	35
19.	Mizoram	14	7	18
20.	Nagaland	26	14	35
21.	Odisha	64	63	20
22.	Rajasthan	56	56	37
23.	Sikkim	2	1	9
24.	Tamil Nadu	5	5	7
25.	Telangana	0	18	67
25.	Tripura	7	8	3
26.	Uttar Pradesh	1	1	10
27.	Uttarakhand	2	2	6
28.	West Bengal	35	35	31
Total		667	667	748

During the years 2013-14 & 2014-15, no funds were released since UGC had unspent balance from earlier releases.
