GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS) LOK SABHA QUESTION NO. †2394 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.05.2016

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ST STUDENTS

†2394. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides financial assistance to Scheduled Tribe (ST) students pursuing engineering/medical degrees and post-graduation courses from private and Government colleges in the country including Maharashtra; and
- (b) if so, the details of funds allocated and released for such students along with the number of beneficiaries during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) Yes, Madam. Financial assistance for pursuing engineering/medical degrees and post – graduation courses is provided to ST students under Top Class Education scheme – a sub scheme of "National Fellowship and Scholarship scheme for Higher Education of STs" and "Post Matric Scholarship Scheme". Under Top Class Schemes, students studying in 158 institutes which include engineering as well as medical colleges are eligible for scholarship. Under Post Matric Scheme, students studying in any Government or Government recognized institute can apply for scholarship.

(b) The requisite details sought for are at Annexure.

Annexure - I

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2394 for answer on 09.05.2016 tabled by SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS, MP, regarding "Financial Assistance to ST Students".

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 beneficiries 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 | | | | | | |

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2394 for answer on 09.05.2016 tabled by SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS, MP, regarding "Financial Assistance to ST Students".

State-wise details of funds released and number of beneficiaries under the scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for ST Students.

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|------------|----------------------|----------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|----------------|--|
| | | 2013-14 | | 2014-15 | | 2015-16 | | |
| SL. No. | NAME OF STATE/UT | Amount | Beneficiaries | Amount | Beneficiaries | Amount | Beneficiaries | |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 4895.17 | 229360 | 5070.01 | 82091 | 1986.82 | 49239 | |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 1366.85 | 630 | 2.29 | 630 | 1137.61 | 0 | |
| 3 | Assam | 4756.81 | 102800 | 1114.00 | 102800 | 6748.28 | 116693 | |
| 4 | Bihar | 23 | 6463 | 23.00 | 6463 | 0.00 | 0 | |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 1341.47 | 106231 | 4066.75 | 139447 | 4764.83 | 148660 | |
| 6 | Goa | 2 | 1332 | 2.00 | 1332 | 356.00 | 4270 | |
| 7 | Gujarat | 7138.58 | 218570 | 3929.23 | 218570 | 5520.40 | 163989 | |
| 8 | Himachal Pradesh | 282.83 | 5189 | 237.00 | 5189 | 1350.00 | 8079 | |
| 9 | Jammu & Kashmir | 177 | 18700 | 2494.17 | 21000 | 2494.17 | 21000 | |
| 10 | Jharkhand | 3267.4 | 72878 | 4927.23 | 81768 | 0.00 | 0 | |
| 11 | Karnataka | 3340.76 | 132376 | 3691.00 | 134988 | 5839.00 | 140891 | |
| 12 | Kerala | 625.53 | 12705 | 647.00 | 13225 | 0.00 | 0 | |
| 13 | Madhya Pradesh | 5276.71 | 192437 | 2385.00 | 188145 | 3065.00 | 197176 | |
| 14 | Maharashtra | 11996.04 | 178146 | 7451.83 | 175000 | 5209.83 | 175000 | |
| 15 | Manipur | 6111.01 | 53965 | 3615.48 | 57828 | 3588.00 | 66928 | |
| 16 | Meghalaya | 3438 | 79011 | 438.00 | 79011 | 3274.61 | 74608 | |
| 17 | Mizoram | 5393.89 | 56873 | 4501.15 | 62410 | 4927.91 | 57330 | |
| 18 | Nagaland | 2626.19 | 39867 | 2329.59 | 40133 | 2646.34 | 45140 | |
| 19 | Odisha | 3459.87 | 89115 | 4512.00 | 130960 | 4050.00 | 165100 | |
| 20 | Rajasthan | 2216.02 | 288020 | 6440.00 | 246249 | 10890.43 | 275669 | |
| 21 | Sikkim | 845.49 | 2643 | 414.00 | 2705 | 400.00 | 3053 | |
| 22 | Tamil Nadu | 1436.02 | 11092 | 44.00 | 11092 | 2266.86 | 20060 | |
| 23 | Telangana | 0 | 0 | 12329.89 | 171329 | 9650.00 | 171329 | |
| 24 | Tripura | 1390.99 | 24270 | 974.82 | 22261 | 1700.00 | 28374 | |
| 25 | Uttar Pradesh | 56 | 7500 | 56.00 | 7500 | 0.00 | 0 | |
| 26 | Uttrakhand | 1086.5 | 24812 | 164.00 | 25269 | 900.00 | 27796 | |
| 27 | West Bengal | 2277.63 | 79230 | 237.00 | 79230 | 2948.46 | 73357 | |
| 28 | A.& N. Islands | 0.75 | 28 | 3.39 | 148 | 0.00 | 0 | |
| 29 | Daman & Diu | 10.9 | 320 | 1.00 | 320 | 0.00 | 0 | |
| | Total | 74839.41 | 2034563 | 72100.82 | 2107093 | 85714.55 | 2033741 | |

The number of beneficiaries includes those who are studying from Class XI and above, including Graduation, Post-Graduation, Medical & Engineering courses. The segregated figures cannot be provided as the same have not been given by the State Governments.