

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †337
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.04.2016**

†337. EMPLOYMENT FOR OBC

SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

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

- (a) the total number of unemployed graduates belonging to the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the country, till date;
- (b) the steps being taken to provide employment to them;
- (c) the details of the schemes formulated and implemented for the welfare and upliftment of the persons belonging to OBCs in the country; and (d) the extent to which such persons have benefitted therefrom?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)**

(a): As per the information received from States, the number of unemployed graduates belonging to the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) registered in live register in employment exchanges in the country as on 31.12.2013 was 14.27 lakh.

(b): 27 % reservation is available to OBC in civil posts and services under the Government. Further, through schemes like assistance to Voluntary Organisations working for the OBCs, loans by the National Backward Classes Finance Development Corporation efforts are made to provide self / wage employment to the OBCs.

(c) & (d): The following welfare schemes are implemented for welfare and empowerment 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 and number of benefitted persons under these schemes are annexed.

Annexure as referred to in part (c) and (d) of the Answer to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 337 for 26.04.2016 asked by Shri Sukhbir Singh Jaunapuria regarding "Employment for OBC".

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 41.78 lakh .

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 72.81 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.

350 OBC students (provisional) 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.
