

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †434
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2016**

†434. Action Plan for Backward Classes

SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any action plan to identify the most backward classes among all sections of the society;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said action plan is likely to be implemented; and
- (c) if not, whether the Government is considering to formulate any special scheme for the most backward classes of the society?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI KRISHANPAL GURJAR)

(a) and (b): The Government is already implementing educational empowerment and economic development Schemes for non-creamy layer of Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Economically Backward Classes and De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic tribes, where, the income ceiling for grant of scholarships is as follows:-

- (i). Pre-matric scholarship for Other Backward Classes (Income ceiling 44,500/- per annum).
- (ii). Post-matric scholarship for Other Backward Classes (Income ceiling Rs. 1.00 lakh per annum).
- (iii). Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls.
- (iv). Assistance to voluntary organizations working for the welfare of OBCs (Income ceiling Rs. 1.00 lakh per annum)
- (v). National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes
- (vi). Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Interest subsidy on educational loan for overseas studies for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and EBCs (Income ceiling Rs. 3.00 lakh for OBCs and Rs. 1.00 lakh for EBCs per annum)
- (vii). Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Post-matric scholarship for Economically Backward Classes (Income ceiling Rs. 1.00 lakh per annum)
- (viii). Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Pre-matric and Post-matric scholarship for De-notified, Nomadic and semi-nomadic Tribes (DNTs) [Income ceiling Rs. 2.00 lakh per annum].

In addition, the National Backward Classes Development Corporation is implementing a number of micro-finance schemes for the welfare of Backward Classes where the annual income ceiling is fixed at Rs. 1.20 lakh and Rs. 98.00 thousand for urban & rural areas respectively.

(c): Does not arise.
