

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2559
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2026**

POST-MATRIC AND PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

†2559. SHRI RAMASHANKAR VIDHARTHI RAJBHAR:

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

- (a) the number of students benefited from the pre-matric and post-matric scholarship schemes for the students of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) during the last three years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that complaints have been received delay in scholarship distribution in many States, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce a special educational assistance scheme for students belonging to OBC categories, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the amount of scholarship for OBC students, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI B.L.VERMA)**

(a): The number of students benefited from the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric scholarship Schemes for the students of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) during the last three years are at **Annexure.**

(b): The State is the implementing agency for the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric OBC scholarship Schemes. Instances of delay in disbursal mainly occur due to submission of incomplete proposals by States/UTs, non-submission of Utilisation Certificates against funds already released, and non on-boarding of certain States/UTs on the SNA-SPARSH platform, non-seeding of bank accounts with the Aadhaar etc.

To improve the efficiency and transparency of fund disbursal, States/UTs have been mandated to onboard the SNA-SPARSH platform, which enables real-time, utilisation based tracking of funds. Scholarship payments are made through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) via Aadhaar-seeded Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), and States/UTs are regularly pursued through regional-level meetings, national-level conferences and video conferences (VCs) for timely submission of complete proposals and Utilization Certificates.

(c): The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment is already implementing the PM-YASASVI and SHREYAS-OBC umbrella schemes for the educational empowerment of the OBCs.

(d): The revision of Schemes is done in consultation with all the concerned stakeholders as per the laid down procedure.

ANNEXURE

S. No.	Financial Year	No. of Beneficiaries of Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students (In lakhs)	No. of Beneficiaries of Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students (in Lakhs)
1.	2023-24	18.43	27.16
2.	2024-25	20.61	24.53
3.	2025-26	29.81*	33.93*

* Anticipated.