

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 286
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2026**

POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSEMENTS FOR SC STUDENTS

286. SHRI NAVASKANI K:

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

- (a) whether the Government has recorded significant growth in scholarship coverage for Scheduled Caste (SC) students, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Post-Matric Scholarship disbursements for SC students have reached record levels and Pre-Matric Scholarship enrolment has witnessed substantial growth and if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)**

(a) & (b): Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) implements Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely 'Post-Matric Scholarships for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Pre-Matric Scholarships for Scheduled Caste (SCs) & Others through the State Governments/Administration of Union Territories. The Post-Matric Scholarship scheme for SCs and Pre-Matric Scholarship scheme for SCs and others; were last revised in 2020-21 and 2021-22 respectively. Under these schemes, Central Share is released through Direct Beneficiary Transfer (DBT) mode from FY 2022-23 under Pre-Matric Scholarship scheme for SCs & others and from FY 2021-22 under Post-Matric Scholarship scheme for SCs in the Aadhaar seeded bank account of the eligible applicants. With the introduction of DBT, the disbursement under Post-Matric Scholarship scheme for SCs and Pre-Matric Scholarship scheme for SCs & others has shown an upward trend, the details of central assistance released are at **Annexure-I**.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) & (B) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 286 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2026 REGARDING POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSEMENTS FOR SC STUDENTS ASKED BY SHRI NAVASKANI K.

Financial Year	Post Matric Scholarships Scheme for SC*		Pre- Matric Scholarships Scheme for SC & others**	
	CA released (Rs. in Cr)	Beneficiaries	CA released (Rs. in Cr)	Beneficiaries
2021-22	1930.38	3025136	570.18	3238399
2022-23	4388.32	4647135	207.93	1134268
2023-24	5475.42	4738578	446.64	2129540
2024-25	5562.23	4804208	460.91	2165983
2025-26	6186.96	4753420	562.36	2679049

*DBT under Post Matric Scholarship scheme for Scheduled Castes (SCs) students scheme was started in 2021-22.

**DBT under Pre-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes (SCs) & others was started in 2022-23.
