

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3853
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2026**

SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTION FOR SCHEDULED CASTE AND SCHEDULED TRIBE STUDENTS

†3853. SHRI MURARI LAL MEENA:

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

(a) the details of funds sanctioned and released to Rajasthan under various scholarship schemes implemented for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) students and the number of students benefitted thereunder along with the number of applications and amount currently pending, during the last three years, Scheme and year-wise;

(b) whether many eligible students are deprived of scholarships due to the annual family income limit being fixed at approximately Rs. 2.50 lakh under SC/ST scholarship schemes, whereas the income limit is set up to 8 lakh under certain scholarship schemes for other categories and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the prescribed income limit for SC/ST students, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any proposal to enhance the same in view of current socio-economic conditions and inflation is under consideration of the Government and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): The details of funds released and number of beneficiaries in respect of Rajasthan under the various Scholarship Schemes for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) students implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affairs during the last 03 years are at **Annexure**.

(b): The Pre and Post-Matric Scholarship Schemes for Scheduled Castes are Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The release of Central share of scholarship under these Schemes is purely contingent upon State Government and Administration of Union Territory releasing their share and pushing the State/UT share paid finally verified data on to the National Scholarship Portal for central share disbursement.

The Pre and Post-Matric Scholarship Schemes for Scheduled Tribes are Centrally Sponsored Schemes and implemented through respective States and UTs. The inviting of applications, verification, selection of beneficiaries and disbursement of scholarship amount is the primary responsibility of the respective States and UTs. Based on the proposals submitted by States and UTs and after examining requisite documents & necessary compliance, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs releases central share of funds to States and UTs. Further, the respective State Governments and Union Territory Administrations disburse the scholarship amount to all the eligible ST Students.

The "Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers (SHREYAS) for Scheduled Castes (SCs)", National Scholarship for Higher Education for Scheduled Tribes (Top Class) and National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Tribes (NOS) are Central Sector Schemes and there is no State and UT-wise allocation of funds under these Schemes.

(c) to (d): The review & revision of Schemes is done in consultations with all concerned Ministries and Departments including other stakeholders after following the laid down procedure.

Annexure

This Annexure referred to in part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3853 to be answered on 11.08.2026 regarding “Scholarship Distribution for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Students”

Funds released and number of beneficiaries under Scholarship Schemes in Rajasthan for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during last 03 years:

S.No	Name of Scheme	2023-24		2024-25		2025-26	
		Funds released (Rs. in crore)	Beneficiaries	Funds released (Rs. in crore)	Beneficiaries	Funds released (Rs. in crore)	Beneficiaries
1.	Post-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes	147.13	151922	180.59	229002	220.73	318555
2.	Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Castes & Others	28.23	135092	86.58	41298	25.66	126993
3.	Post-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Tribes	220.00	45352	350.00	198676	114.99	145124
4.	Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Tribes	0.00*	129350	22.36	0	0.00*	80125
	Total	395.36	461716	639.53	468976	361.38	670797

* The funds were not released to the state government, due to unspent balance from the previous release and non-compliance with Scheme guidelines.
