

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3855
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2026**

DIRECT BENEFIT TRANSFER

3855. DR. D. PURANDESWARI:

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

- (a) the total number of Scheduled Caste and OBC students from the Rajahmundry Lok Sabha Constituency who received Pre-Matric and Post-Matric scholarships during the academic cycle 2025-2026;
- (b) the total financial outlays disbursed directly via Direct Benefit Transfer into the bank accounts of student beneficiaries across the East Godavari district over the last one year;
- (c) the central auditing steps implemented to verify the regular attendance and institutional performance of scholarship recipients in Rajahmundry's educational institutes;
- (d) whether the Ministry has received any representations regarding delayed processing of scholarship renewals by college administrations located within the Rajahmundry region; and
- (e) the measures being taken by the Government to streamline verification databases to eliminate administrative overheads for applicants in Rajahmundry?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The total number of Scheduled Caste and OBC students from the Rajahmundry Lok Sabha Constituency who received Pre-Matric and Post-Matric scholarships during 2025-2026 are at **Annexure-I**.

The details of funds released to Scheduled Caste and OBC students under the above Schemes across East Godavari district during the year 2025-26 are at **Annexure-II**.

(c) to (e): Under the Post-Matric Scholarships for SCs and Pre-Matric Scholarships for SCs & Others, applications are invited through designated online Scholarship Portals by the States/UTs. The disbursement of Central share of the scholarship amount is purely contingent upon States/UTs disbursing their share and pushing the State/UT share paid finally verified data on to the National Scholarship Portal for Central share disbursement.

Under the Scholarships for SCs & OBCs, States/UTs being the implementing agency defines the major modalities for inviting applications, further processing, verification, integration with available databases and other implementation aspects with suitable mechanism at their level. Since the introduction of Direct Benefits Transfer (DBT), the scholarship amount is disbursed directly into the Aadhaar seeded account of the beneficiary leading to simpler and faster flow of funds and has ensured accurate targeting of the beneficiaries, which has resulted in efficiency & effectiveness. Further, various issues regarding the implementation of the Scheme, including delayed processing of scholarships renewal, are regularly taken up with the concerned stakeholders, including the States/UTs, and are addressed for timely resolution.

To ensure effective implementation of the schemes across the Country, the Schemes are regularly monitored by the Department through National level Chintan Shivirs, Regional Meetings and National Conferences with the concerned stakeholders and all State/UT officials.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (a) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED Q. NO. 3855 FOR ANSWER ON 11.08.2026 REGARDING DIRECT BENEFIT TRANSFER ASKED BY DR. D. PURANDESWARI

The total number of Scheduled Caste and OBC students from the Rajahmundry Lok Sabha Constituency during the year 2025-26:

S.No.	Scheme Name	No. of Beneficiaries
1	Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SC	44746*
2	Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SCs and other	32813*
3	Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for OBC	13658
4	Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for OBC	1997

*Lok Sabha Constituency-wise data in respect of Post-Matric Scholarships Schemes for SCs and Pre-Matric Scholarships for SCs & Others is not maintained by NSP-NIC. However, the combined data for the districts of East Godavari, Eluru and Kakinada as provided by NSP-NIC is as above.

Annexure-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (b) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED Q. NO. 3855 FOR ANSWER ON 11.08.2026 REGARDING DIRECT BENEFIT TRANSFER ASKED BY DR. D. PURANDESWARI

The details of funds released to Scheduled Caste and OBC students across East Godavari district during the year 2025-26:

S.No.	Scheme Name	Funds released (Rs. In Cr)
1	Post-Matric scholarship scheme for SC	20.8
2	Pre-Matric scholarship scheme for SCs and other	2.38
3	Post-Matric scholarship scheme for OBC	6.83
4	Pre-Matric scholarship scheme for OBC	0.80
