

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2478

ANSWERED ON 18/12/2023

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

† 2478. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to extend the scholarship scheme for the vocational education and training of meritorious students belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (b): The Government is implementing various scholarship schemes for providing financial assistance to all categories of students including Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST). The details of these schemes including the number of slots, assistance offered and eligibility criteria are available in the following websites:

Sl. No.	Ministry/ Department	Website links
1.	Department of Higher Education	https://www.education.gov.in/pm-usp-scholarships-education-loan
2.	University Grants Commission	https://www.ugc.ac.in/page/scholarships-and-fellowships.aspx
3.	All India Council for	https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/rifd/Scholarship-

	Technical Education	Schemes
4.	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	https://socialjustice.gov.in/scheme-cat
5.	Ministry of Tribal Affairs	https://tribal.nic.in/ScholarshiP.aspx
6.	Ministry of Minority Affairs	https://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/show_content.php?lang=1&level=2&ls_id=669&lid=825

Further, as per information provided by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), the MoTA provides post matric scholarship to eligible Scheduled Tribe students for pursuing vocational courses like ITI and 3-year Diploma courses in Polytechnic institutes. Further, under the Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan (PM-USP) Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh of the Ministry of Education, scholarship is provided to the students including SC and ST, having domicile of UT of J&K and Ladakh and pursuing Graduation after completion of 12th class or Diploma in Engineering from Polytechnic Institutes recognized by Directorate of Technical Education, J&K and Ladakh. Moreover, as per information provided by the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), in order to increase and encourage women participation in vocational skilling, the Directorate General of Training (DGT) has waived off tuition and exam fee for women candidates who undergo training under Craft Instructor Training Scheme (CITS) / Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) in National Skill Training Institutes (NSTIs) from session 2023-24 onwards.
