

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2072  
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LINKING OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO PRICE INDEX  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the amount of scholarship presently has been linked to the price index changes;
- (b) whether Dr. Ambedkar Birth Centenary Celebration Committee had recommended to link the amount of pre-matric and post-matric scholarships to the price index;
- (c) if so, action taken by the Government to implement the same; and
- (d) the details of the amount of pre-matric and post-matric scholarship being provided to the students belonging to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
SMT. MANEKA GANDHI  
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Dr. Ambedkar Birth Centenary Celebration Sub-committee on Education, in their report, recommended that the amount of scholarship under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship to students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, should be linked with the 'cost of living index'.

(c) The States/UTs were addressed seeking their suggestions for the modification of the existing Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Post Matric Scholarship to students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Consultations with States/UTs are necessary as they have to bear the committed liability (except in case of North Eastern States) from their own resources. The comments received from several States do not favour linking of maintenance allowance rates with consumer price index under the Scheme.

(d) The details are given in the Statement.