

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION .
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provide scholarship to the students going abroad for higher education;
- (b) if so, the criteria fixed in this regard;
- (c) the number of such scholarships provided during the last three years alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon; and
- (d) the amount earmarked for the purpose during 2000-2001 ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

- (a) This Ministry does not provide scholarships to the students going abroad for higher education. However, this Ministry processes offers of scholarships from a few countries under the Cultural Exchange Programmes and Commonwealth Scholarships/Fellowships Plan.
- (b) The criteria for selection include academic record, professional experience, nature of proposed study, research proposal etc.
- (c) & (d) During the last 3 years (1997-98 to 1999-2000), 249 students were sent abroad against scholarships provided by foreign countries. The Ministry meets partial costs of scholars selected for studies in China. During the last three years (1997-98 to 1999-2000), an amount of about Rs. 24.43 lakhs was spent for this purpose. This expenditure is met from the general budget provision for Indian scholars going abroad against scholarships offered by foreign Governments/Organisations which is Rs. 55 lakhs during 2000-2001.