

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6659  
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NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR HANDICAPPED STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have introduced a national scholarship scheme for handicapped students willing to pursue higher education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of handicapped students proposed to be provided scholarship every year; and
- (d) the amount allocated for the purpose?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT(DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Scheme of National Scholarship for Persons with Disabilities has been introduced from the year 2002-2003. Under this, financial assistance is provided to disabled students for pursuing Professional and Technical courses of duration not less than one year. The monthly family income of the beneficiary should not be more than Rs. 15,000/- from all sources. The amount of scholarship varies from Rs. 400/- per month for day scholars to Rs. 1,000/- per month for hostellers. The Scheme is included in the Ministry's web site [www.socialjustice.nin.in](http://www.socialjustice.nin.in).
- (c) 500 scholarships are proposed to be given every year.
- (d) The Scheme is implemented utilizing the National Fund for People with Disability.