

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6665  
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EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN BELONGING TO OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES  
CHINMAYANAND;RAMDAS RUPALA GAVIT

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

- (a) whether any schemes have been formulated by the Government for empowerment of women belonging to backward classes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds proposed to be spent by the Government on implementation of the schemes alongwith the funds spent on implementation of these schemes during the last three years?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The Government is implementing the following Schemes for educational and economic development of OBCs which includes woman beneficiaries:-

- (i) Pre-matric Scholarships for OBC students;
- (ii) Post-matric Scholarships for OBC students;
- (iii) Hostels for OBC Boys & Girls;
- (iv) Pre-examination Coaching for OBCs;
- (v) Assistance to Voluntary Organizations for the Welfare of OBCs; and
- (vi) National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC)

NBCFDC, apart from its various loan schemes, is also implementing `New Swarnima` Scheme for OBC women living below the poverty line (i.e. annual family income below Rs. 20,000/- in rural areas and Rs. 27,500/- in urban areas). Under the Scheme the Corporation provides loan to eligible women OBC beneficiaries to the extent of Rs. 50,000/- at concessional rate of interest of 4% per annum through the State Chennelising Agencies (SCAs). The Corporation provides 95% of the loan amount and the SCA contributes 5%. The maximum period of repayment is 10 years.

(c) The details of funds spent during last 3 years and proposed to be spent on these schemes for the target group including women beneficiaries are as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

Name of the Scheme	Amount 2000-01	Amount 2001-02	Amount 2002-03	Amount proposed to spend in 2003-04
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Pre-matric Scholarships for OBC students;	6.00	17.40	18.74	17.00
Post-matric Scholarships for OBC students;	8.99	21.96	28.42	23.99
Hostels for OBC Boys & Girls;	5.00	11.45	14.33	13.00

Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for 1.57 3.80 4.80 5.00  
the Welfare of OBCs;

Pre-examination Coaching for OBCs; 0.01 0.65 0.17 6.40##  
NBCFDC 87.01 119.35 125.93 120.00

The Corporation has disbursed Rs. 25.80 crore to the women OBC beneficiaries under the Swarnima Scheme during last three years.

## Proposed to be sent on beneficiaries belonging to SCs, OBCs and Minorities.