

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4010  
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SELECTION OF ST STUDENTS FOR HIGHER STUDIES ABROAD  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether students belonging to the Scheduled Tribes have been sent to foreign countries for higher studies;
- (b) if so, the number of students sent to foreign countries during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise;
- (c) the existing rules regarding selection of students of STs for this purpose;
- (d) whether the Government have started any advertisement and incentive scheme for the selection of such students; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS ( SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A scheme of National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) for ST students was being implemented by this Ministry. At present this scheme is not in existence. The selection of the students under this scheme was made upto the year 2000-2001. Out of the selections so made, a total of 5 students have been sent abroad during the last three years including the current year.

Name of Country	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-03
U.S.A.	Nil	1	Nil	1
U.K.	Nil	1	2	Nil
Total	Nil	2	2	1

(c) At present Scheme is not in existence.

(d) & (e) Do not arise.