

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

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SELECTION OF SCs AND OTHER CLASSES STUDENTS FOR HIGHER STUDIES  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether students belonging to the Scheduled Castes 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 SCs and other classes for this purpose;
- (d) whether the Government have started any advertisement and incentive scheme for selection of such students; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The last selection under the Scheme was made in July, 2000, in which 18 candidates were selected. 13 students have gone abroad during the last three years, out of which 8 have gone to U.K. 2 to USA and one each to Germany, Australia and Hungary.

(c) to (e) The Scheme provides financial assistance to selected Scheduled Caste students for pursuing higher studies abroad in specified fields of confirmed Master level courses, Ph.D. and Post-Doctoral research programmes. The maximum age for availing the scholarship is 35 years and the total income of the candidates, if employed or his/her parents/guardians should not exceed Rs. 12000/- per month. The continuation of the scheme beyond 2000-2001, with modifications to further improve the scheme is under process.