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SCHEMES FOR SC /ST AND OBC STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes being implemented for SC/ST and OBC students for their primary, secondary and higher education;
- (b) the allocation made under each category during each of the last three years; and
- (c) the funds utilised in each category during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): Most of the schemes of this Ministry are general in nature aimed at benefiting all sections of the society including SCs, STs and OBCs. Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas and all Centrally funded institutions have provisions for reservation for SCs & STs to the extent of 15% and 7.5% respectively for which admission norms are also relaxed to ensure fulfilment of reservation. Therefore, benefits flow to the SC and ST students in proportion to their enrolment under these schemes. There are some other measures aimed at benefiting the students of these communities, some of which are

- (i) relaxed norms for opening primary/middle schools in areas inhabited by SCs and STs
- (ii) freeships/scholarships/ fellowships, uniforms, stationery, school bags
- (iii) relaxation in cut-off marks for certain disadvantaged groups and
- (iv) preparation of text books in tribal languages, etc.

(b) & (c): The allocation and utilisation of funds under the schemes with a special focus on the SC/ST or all three namely SCs, STs and OBCs; during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 are as Annexure.