

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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INTEREST FREE LOANS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to give loans without interest to the families whose income is Rs.4.5 lakhs per annum;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether SC/ST people would be given preference in this regard; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a): No, Sir. However, to enable students from economically weaker sections to access higher education, it is proposed to introduce a scheme to provide them foil interest subsidy during the period of moratorium.

And in order to stimulate demand for credit for housing in the middle and lower income segment of population in the country, the Government of India has proposed an interest subvention of i percent on ail individual housing loans upto Rs. 10 lakh, provided the cost of the unit does not exceed Rs.20 lakh.

(b), (c) & (d): Do not arise.