

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

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PROGRAMME FOR EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF SCS AND OBCS

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

(a) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take steps to prepare a comprehensive programme for educational and economic development of the people belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Scheduled Castes (SCs) category;

(b) if so, the details thereof.;

(c) whether the Governmnet has any proposal to extend scholarships to overseas OBC students for their studies in foreign universities; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

(a) & (b): Government has adopted a multipronged approach for educational and economic development of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs).

Major Schemes being implemented for educational and economic development of SCs and OBCs are given at Annexure. Apart from the above the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC), and National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) provide financial and other support to eligible SC and OBC beneficiaries respectively for taking up various income generating activities.

(c) & (d): Presently, no such proposal is under consideration.