

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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VAISAKHA SAKA NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has started a National Scholarship Scheme based on income and merit in various States including in the State of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the norms prescribed for this scheme; (
- (c) the funds allocated and utilised during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and year- wise; and
- (d) the number of beneficiaries under the said scheme, especially in rural areas, year-wise and State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development launched the "Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students", w.e.f. 2008-09. Under this scheme, up to 82,000 fresh scholarships are awarded every year to the students who score 80 % and above marks in the Class XII or equivalent exam, belonging to the 'non-creamy layer', pursuing higher studies from a recognized institute. Scholarship is paid @ Rs.1,000/- per month at the graduation level for first three years and Rs.2,000/- per month thereafter. The scholarship is credited into the bank accounts of the students. The number of scholarships have been allocated to the States/UT's based on the ratio of their population in the age-group of 18-25 years.

(c) and (d) A statement is annexed.