

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2987
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SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES FOR TRIBAL STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme is being provided to all tribal students pursuing their education in Government/Private institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for Higher Studies Abroad for tribal students is limited to some subjects only;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of candidates awarded the scholarships during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (e) the details of funds released and utilized by the State Governments during each of the last three years for the purpose, scheme-wise;
- (f) whether the Government has received any complaint of non-payment of scholarships to tribal students;
- (g) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years, State-wise; and
- (h) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (DR. TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

- (a) & (b): The Post Matric Scholarship is being provided through the State Governments and UT Administrations to all the eligible Scheduled Tribe students, whose parents'/guardians' annual income from all sources does not exceed Rs.1.08 lakh for pursuing post-matric studies in all recognized Institutions.
- (c) & (d): The Scheme of National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe candidates including PTGs lists 35 subjects for pursuing higher studies abroad. The Scheme has been revised in 2007-08 as a Plan Scheme and 15 awards per year (13 to ST and 2 to PTGs) have been provided. Only those candidates who have gained admission in an accredited university abroad are awarded the scholarship following the selection procedure laid down. In the last three years 4 candidates have been provided scholarship for higher studies abroad. No scholarship has been awarded in the current year till date.
- (e): Funds are not released to the States/UTs under the Scheme of National Overseas Scholarships for ST candidates. The details of funds released under the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for ST students and utilized by the State Government during the last three years is in Annexure.
- (f): No complaint has been received regarding non-payment of Scholarships to eligible Scheduled Tribe students against the grants-in-aid released by the Ministry during the last three years.
- (g) & (h): Does not arise.