

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FACILITIES TO SC STUDENTS FOR STUDIES ABROAD
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the types of facilities provided to students of Scheduled Castes category including scholarship and hostel facility etc. for studies abroad;
- (b) the number of students provided scholarship during each of the last three years along with the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the number of students belonging to Scheduled Castes category sent abroad for studies through such scholarships, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a): Eligible Scheduled Caste students are offered scholarship for pursuing higher studies abroad under `National Overseas Scholarship for SC etc.. Candidates` scheme. The scholarship includes, annual maintenance allowance, contingency allowance, actual fee payable to University/institute, VISA fees, medical insurance premium, equipment allowance, incidental journey expenses, etc. Air passage from India and back is also provided.

(b) & (c): As per provisions of the scheme, scholarships are not provided State-wise. The number of students offered scholarships during the selection years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 was 15, 28 and 29 respectively. During the years 2006-07 and 2007-08, 11 students have actually gone abroad for studies under the scheme.

Selection for the year 2008-09 has been finalized recently, and as per the scheme, the selected candidates are required to obtain admission in the accredited University/institution abroad, within three years from the date of communication of their selection.