

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

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SCHOLARSHIP FOR MERITORIOUS STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government has modified scholarship eligibility criteria for meritorious students;
- (b) If so, the details thereof the number of students likely to be awarded scholarship under the scheme; and
- (c) The time by which the enhanced scheme is likely to be introduced?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes sir.
- (b) The eligibility criteria has been changed from 80 percent to "those who are above the 80th percentile of successful candidates in the relevant stream for a particular Board of Examination, in the Class XII of 10+2 pattern or equivalent examination." Under the scheme, 82,000 fresh scholarships are available every year : 41,000 for boys and 41,000 for girls.
- (c) The modified criteria is being implemented from the academic year 2010-11.