GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TRIBAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3372 ANSWERED ON:13.08.2010 TIMELY DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOLARSHIPS Reddy Shri Komatireddy Raj Gopal

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any mechanism to oversee the distribution of scholarships to Scheduled Tribe (ST) students well in time for their study purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise for each of the last three years and the current year during the Eleventh plan period;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the demands of each State especially Andhra Pradesh pending with the Ministry in this regard for the current year?

Answer

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

(a)to (c) To ensure the timely distribution of scholarships to ST students under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme, Ministry releases 50% of the States/UTs previous year's expenditure as ad-hoc grant in the 1st quarter of the financial year without waiting for the detailed formal proposals. The amount released as ad-hoc grants to all States/UTs in the last 3 years and in the current year are at Annexure-1.

(d) The proposals received from different States/UTs including Andhra Pradesh and funds sanctioned by this Ministry so far during the year 2010-11 is at Annexure-2.