

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

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SINGLE INCOME CRITERIA  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is planning to increase the income ceiling per annum for the students of Economically Weaker Section Category (EWS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up single income criteria for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Other Backward Classes, Minorities and EWS Categories;
- (d) if so, the time by which such criteria will be introduced; and
- (e) if not, the manner in which the Government plans to bring parity among these categories?

**Answer**

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

(a) to(e): Ministry of Human Resource Development is presently administering the following schemes for students, including those belonging to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) Category:-

1. National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship from Class-IX to XII
2. Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students
3. Interest Subsidy for the period of moratorium on Educational Loans for Technical and Professional courses.

The income criteria for Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students and Interest Subsidy for the period of moratorium on Educational Loans for Technical and Professional courses is Rs. 4.5 lakh annually for all categories, whereas the income criteria for National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship from Class-IX to XII is Rs.1.50 lakh annually for all categories.