

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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REIMBURSEMENT OF FEES TO OBCs UNDER SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to implement a system for the reimbursement of full fees for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) under postmatric and merit-cum-means scholarship schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and
- (d) if not, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is implementing Post Matric Scholarship Scheme through State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for OBC students. The Scheme provides for payment of scholarship which includes maintenance allowance, reimbursement of compulsory non refundable fees etc. However, there is no scheme of merit-cum-means scholarship for OBC students.

Due to budgetary constraint it has not been possible to fully meet the demand of all States/UT Administrations under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for OBC students. Details of funds released to States/ UTs during the last three years are enclosed at Annexure.