

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has made available the National Overseas Scholarship for the Scheduled Tribes students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the eligibility criteria for availing the facility;
- (c) the number of students who have so far availed of the facility during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (d) whether it is also proposed to extend the programme to the students of matric and graduate level too;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements a Central Sector Scheme of National Overseas Scholarship for ST candidates. As per the provisions of the scheme, scholarship is provided to 15 ST students including 2 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PTG) students per annum. The eligibility criteria under the scheme are as under:-
- (i) The income from all sources of the employed candidates or his/her parents'/guardians' should not exceed Rs. 25,000/- per month.
  - (ii) Age should be below 35 years.
  - (iii) The minimum qualification should be 1st class with 60% or equivalent grade in relevant Bachelors/Masters/Ph.D degree for pursuing study for the Master's/Ph. D/Post Doctoral degrees respectively.
  - (iv) Scholarship is provided for higher studies in abroad for a total of 35 specific subjects/disciplines only.
  - (v) The scholarship is restricted to one child in a family and is a one-time award.
- (c): There is no provision under the scheme for allocation of awards state-wise. During the last three years (2007-08 to 2009-10) a total of 7 ST students were sent abroad for higher studies. Under the scheme a time limit of three years from the date of final selection is given to students for obtaining admission in foreign accredited universities.
- (d): Ministry has no proposal to cover the matric and graduate level studies under this scheme.
- (e): Does not arise.
- (f): The scheme is only for pursuing higher studies at the post graduate/doctoral/post-doctoral levels in specific subjects.