

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

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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Post-Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) has been implemented by the Union Government on the same pattern as far the Scheduled Caste (SC) students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether the budget released under this scheme by the Government to the State of Haryana is negligible
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the amount of budget released, State-wise;
- (d) the details of the gap between maintenance allowance being paid to the OBC and SC students, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Union Government to step up the budget for Post Matric Scholarship for OBCs with a view to bridge this gap?

Answer

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

- (a) to (d): A statement showing prescribed rate for maintenance allowance for students of Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes is given in Annexure-I. A statement showing state-wise fund released including Haryana under the scheme in 2010-11 is given in Annexure-II.
- (e) The budget allocation under the scheme has been enhanced from Rs.135.00 crore during 2009-10 to Rs.350.00 crore during 2010-11.