

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

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SCHOLARSHIPS TO SC STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the grants for pre-matric scholarships to all students belonging to Scheduled Caste have been provided to each State during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment does not have an exclusive scheme for pre-matric scholarship to all students belonging to Scheduled Caste. However, under this Ministry's Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Pre-matric Scholarship for the children of those engaged in 'unclean' occupations" like scavenging, cleaning of manhole/drains, tanning and flaying etc. irrespective of their religion. Central assistance is provided to State Govts/Union Territory Administrations which implement the scheme. Under the scheme, monthly scholarship and annual ad-hoc grant is provided. There is no income ceiling under the scheme.