

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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SCHOLARSHIP TO SCS THROUGH BANKS/POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to provide scholarship to the students belonging to scheduled castes communities through banks/post offices;
- (b) the details of States where the scholarship is already being given through these modes;
- (c) whether the Government has issued any direction to the States in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Government has issued directions to all the State Governments/UT administrations, from time to time, asking them to ensure payment of scholarship amount directly into the bank/post-office accounts of Scheduled Caste(SC) students. This matter was also extensively discussed in the conference of Principal Secretary/Secretary of the Social Welfare departments held in the month of October-November 2010.

Presently, 10 State Governments viz. Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Punjab, Tripura, Orissa, Haryana, Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Gujarat have reported disbursement of Post-Matric scholarship for SC students through Bank/Post-office accounts.