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INCOME CEILING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO SCS AND OBCS

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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any income ceiling for extending the assistance under the Pre and Post-Matric Scholarship Schemes for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) students;
- (b) if so, the details of the ceiling fixed;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the income ceiling in view of the rise in price index; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): The parental income-ceiling, prescribed as eligibility criterion for grant of scholarships to Scheduled Castes(SC)/ Other Backward Classes (OBC) students is given below:-

- (i) Scheme of Post Matric Scholarships to the Students belonging to SCs – Rs. 2.00 lakh per annum;
- (ii) Schemes of Pre-matric and Post Matric Scholarships to the OBC Students – Rs.44,500 per annum.

No income-ceiling is prescribed under Scheme of "Pre Matric Scholarships to the children of those engaged in 'unclean' occupations".

(c) and (d): The income ceiling under the Post-matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students (PMS-SC) has been revised in December 2010 from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 2 lakh per annum w.e.f. 01.07.2010. Revision of the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for OBC students, including enhancement of income ceiling, is under consideration of the Government.