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SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Kendriya Sainik Board awards scholarships under the Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme every year to the students pursuing professional degree programmes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the criteria for awarding such scholarships; and
- (c) the number of requests received from Tamil Nadu under the scheme during the last three years and the number of recipients during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) A total number of 4000 scholarships are available under Prime Minister's scholarship Scheme for the professional courses duly recognized by the respective Government regulatory bodies to encourage higher technical and professional education for the dependent wards of Ex-Servicemen / Ex-Coast Guard and their widows (below officer rank only) and dependent wards/widows of Ex-Servicemen/Ex-Coast Guard who died in harness due to causes attributable to military service/Coast Guard service irrespective of rank. The priority for grant of scholarship is as follows:-

(1) Wards/widows of defence/Coast Guard personnel killed in action.

(2) Wards of Ex-Servicemen/Ex-Coast Guard disabled in action and boarded out of service with disability attributable to Military/Coast Guard Service.

(3) Wards/widows of defence/Coast Guard personnel who died while in service for causes attributable to Military/Coast Guard service.

(4) Wards/widows of ESM/Ex-Coast Guard personnel disabled in service with disability attributable to Military/Coast Guard Service.

(5) Wards of ESM/Ex-Coast Guard in receipt of gallantry awards.

(6) Wards of ESM/Ex-Coast Guard (PBOR).

Other criteria for grant of scholarship are:-

(i) Students studying abroad are not eligible for this scheme.

(ii) The candidates may avail scholarship only for first degree course (Professional) i.e. graduate level only.

(iii) A candidate must have minimum 60% marks in minimum entry qualification required for entry to the professional course.

The amount of scholarship is ` 1250/- per month for boys and ` 1500 per month for girls which is paid after successful completion of each academic year.

(c) The number of requests received and scholarship awarded to the wards of ESM of Tamil Nadu during the last three year is as under:

Academic Year Request Received Scholarship Awarded

2007-2008	1004	883
2008-2009	1204	461
2009-2010	905	842

