

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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REVISION OF SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any income ceiling for giving various scholarships to students belonging to Scheduled Tribes (STs) has been fixed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any representation from stake holders to revise the various aspects of existing scholarship schemes of ST students;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS(SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements four scholarship schemes for ST students namely (i) Post Matric Scholarship (PMS), (ii) National Overseas Scholarship (NOS), (iii) Top Class Education, and (iv) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF). The annual family income ceiling of the Schemes of Post Matric Scholarship (PMS), National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) and Top Class Education, is Rs. 1.45 lakh, Rs. 3.00 lakh and Rs. 2.00 lakh respectively. However, there is no income ceiling under the scheme of Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF). Under the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship, there is a provision to increase the annual income ceiling once in every two year which is linked with Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers. Since 01-04-2010 the income ceiling of Post Matric Scholarship has already been revised from Rs. 1.08 lakh to Rs. 1.45 lakh per annum.

(c) to (e): The exiting Post Matric Scholarship Scheme is under revision which includes various aspects e.g. increase of rates, rationalization of grouping of courses and enhancement of income ceiling.