

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ST STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any scheme namely National Overseas Scholarships for Scheduled Tribe students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of ST students benefited therefrom alongwith the number of students out of there who have gone for higher studies during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and year-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) : Yes, Madam.

(b) : The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements a Central Sector Scheme of National Overseas Scholarship for ST candidates. As per the provisions of the scheme, scholarship is provided to 15 ST students including 2 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PTG) students per annum. The eligibility criteria under the scheme are as under:-

- (i) The income from all sources of the employed candidates or his/her parents'/guardians' should not exceed Rs. 25,000/- per month.
- (ii) Age should be below 35 years.
- (iii) The minimum qualification should be 1st class with 60% or equivalent grade in relevant Bachelors/Masters/Ph.D degree for pursuing study for the Master's/Ph. D/Post Doctoral degrees respectively.
- (iv) Scholarship is provided for higher studies in abroad for a total of 35 specific subjects/disciplines only.
- (v) The scholarship is restricted to one child in a family and is a one-time award.

(c): There is no provision under the scheme for allocation of awards state-wise. During the last three years and the current year (2008-09 to 2011-12), a total of 8 ST students had gone abroad for higher studies. Under the scheme, a time limit of three years from the date of final selection is given to students for obtaining admission in foreign accredited universities.