

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE FOR EDUCATION OF POOR CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The details of the assistance being rendered by the Government for providing education to the brilliant children belonging to economically weaker sections of the society; and

(b) the details of various concessions being provided to the children belonging to the "poor category" in Kendriya Vidyalayas of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) The Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched a centrally sponsored National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme in 2008-09 for providing scholarships @ Rs.500 per month to 1 lakh new students from class IX every year which are continued upto class XII subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. As per the scheme those students studying as regular students in class VIII in Government, local body and Government-aided schools and whose parental income from all sources is upto Rs. 1.5 lakh per annum are entitled to appear in the selection test under the scheme. The amount of scholarship is deposited directly into the accounts of selected students on quarterly basis by the State Bank of India.

(b) 25% seats are reserved in Kendriya Vidyalayas for the children belonging to other disadvantaged groups like economically weaker sections including disabled and no fees are charged from these students. There is a provision to exempt tuition fee of children of those parents who belong to Below Poverty Line (BPL) category.