

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to provide scholarships and bank loans to the students pursuing higher education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total number of students including SC/ST/OBC categories who benefited from scholarships and bank loans in the country, especially in Bihar during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development operates a scheme 'Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College & University Student'. Under the scheme, 82,000 fresh scholarships are available every year, for meritorious students, including SC/ST/OBC, from poor families whose family income is Rs. 4.5 lakh or less per annum, pursuing higher studies/professional courses. 50% of the scholarships are earmarked for girls. The rate of scholarship is Rs. 10,000 per annum for the first three years of graduate level studies and Rs. 20,000 per annum for post-graduate level studies and 4th and 5th year of professional courses. Students who are above the 80th percentile in the relevant stream for a particular Board of Examination, in Class XII or equivalent examination pursuing higher studies or professional courses from recognized institutions as regular candidates, are eligible to apply for scholarship under this scheme. There is reservation for various categories, as per Reservation Policy of the Government, subject to internal earmarking.

This Department does not have any loan scheme for studenty pursuing higher studies.

c):A Statement is annexed.