

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1098  
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REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS BY WEST BENGAL  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Post-Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes is a fully Centrally sponsored scheme and the State Governments, especially the Government of West Bengal has requested for reimbursement of funds for the same;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount released, so far, and yet to be released as-on-date; and
- (d) the steps being taken to ensure earlier release of funds to the State Governments?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

- (a) to (c) The Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for OBC Students (PMS-OBC) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. However, the proposal from the State Government of West Bengal for releasing grant in aid under the Scheme in 2011-12 has not been yet received.
- (d) The National Allocation of funds under the Scheme was conveyed to the State Governments including State Government of West Bengal on 12.05.2011 requesting them to send proposals for release of funds to the extent of the amount notionally allocated to them, by 30.06.2011. Again, after revision of the Scheme w.e.f. 01.07.2011 State Governments were requested on 11.8.2011 to sent the proposals to the Ministry, latest by 15.09.2011.