

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SCHOLARSHIPS TO SC AND OBC STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating any scheme for providing scholarship to the students studying in class X and belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to enhance the amount of scholarship to the SCs/OBCs studying in class VI to X, as being given to the students belonging to minorities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Finance Minister in his budget speech for the year 2011-12 has made an announcement for introduction of a scholarship Scheme for needy students belonging to Scheduled Castes studying in classes IX and X. Scheme has not yet been finalised.

The Ministry is, however, implementing following two Schemes, under which scholarship is being provided to SC and OBC students studying in classes I to X:-

- i) Pre-matric scholarship for students belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs); and
- ii) Pre-matric scholarship for the children to those engaged in 'unclean' occupations (Both for SCs and non-SCs).

(c), (d) and (e): No such proposal is under consideration of the Ministry. The amount of scholarship under the "Pre-matric scholarship Scheme for the children to those engaged in 'unclean' occupations" was revised with effect from 01.04.2008.