

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

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FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the funds being provided by the Government for grant of scholarships to students belonging to other backward classes are extremely low;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the said amount;
- (d) whether the annual conventional income ceiling for the backward classes for grant of pre-matric and post-matric scholarships is much lower than the ceiling for other communities;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to raise the income Ceiling for the backward classes; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The budget allocation under the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship Schemes for OBC Students during 2011-12 are as under:-

S.No.	Scheme	Allocation (Rs.in crore)
1	Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC Students	50.00
2	Post Matric Scholarship for OBC Students	535.00

Based on gross budgetary support made available to Planning Commission by Ministry of Finance, the Commission makes Ministry-wise annual plan allocation keeping in view their competing demands. Therefore, the scholarship schemes for OBCs are implemented based on funds allocated to the Ministry during the year.

(d) & (e): The present income ceiling is as under:-

Category	Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme	Post Matric Scholarship Scheme
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Scheduled Castes - Parents/guardians income from  
all sources does not exceed  
Rs.2.00 lakhs per annum.

Minorities Not exceeding Rs.1.00 lakhs per annum. Not exceeding Rs.2.00 lakhs per annum.

OBCs Parents/guardians income from all sources  
from all sources does not exceed Rs.1.00 per annum.

exceed Rs.44,500/-per annum.

(f) & (g): The income ceiling under the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for OBC Students has been revised to Rs.1.00 lakh per annum w.e.f. 01.07.2011. However, there is no proposal under consideration to revise the income ceiling under Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBCs Students at present.