

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES FOR OBCS

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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 the scholarship to other backward classes are very less in comparison to that of Scheduled Castes (SCs);

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to enhance its contribution to the said Central Fund for post matric scholarship and construction of hostel buildings; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The Budgetary Allocation under the Scheme of Post-matric Scholarship for OBC students for the year 2011-12 is Rs.535 crore against Rs.350 crore for the year 2010-11. The provisions for Pre-matric Scholarship for OBC students and that for Construction of Hostels for OBC boys and girls during the year 2011-12 are Rs.50 crore and 45 crore respectively.

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 schemes for OBCs are implemented based on funds allocated to the Ministry during the year.