

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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PROPOSAL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to borne the tuition fees of top 10 per cent performers passing out of school and entering into under-graduate courses as well as financial aid for educating the disadvantaged people;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented; and
- (d) the funds allocated/earmarked for the purpose above ?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(d) No sir. However, the Ministry of Human Resource Development operates the 'Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students'. Under this Scheme, scholarships are provided to the top two per cent of the meritorious students from poor families pursuing degree and professional courses. The rate of scholarship is Rs.10,000/- per annum at Graduation level for first three years of College and University courses and Rs.20,000/- per annum at Post-Graduation level and for the 4th and 5th year in professional courses. There is Reservation as per Government norms for SC,ST, OBCs and Physically Handicapped. A sum of Rs.1000 crore has been provided for this scheme in the 11th Plan.