

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY NBCFDC FOR BACKWARD CLASSES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria adopted by the National Backward Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) to provide financial assistance to the students belonging backward castes in the country;
- (b) the details of financial assistance provided and student benefited during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether any evolution of the scheme has been made;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether NBCFDC provided loans to backward classes for pursuing general/ professional technical education or training under 'New Aakash Scheme'; and
- (f) if so, the details and financial assistance provided for project linked training for upgradation of technical and entrepreneurial skills of the students belonging to Other Backward Classes living below double poverty line under the scheme?

Answer

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

- (a): The eligibility criteria adopted by NBCFDC for providing loan assistance to the students of Backward Classes is as under:
- i) The student should belong to Backward Classes as notified by Central Government/State Governments from time to time.
 - ii) His/her annual family income is below double the poverty line i.e. Rs. 40,000/- per annum in rural areas and Rs. 55,000/- per annum in urban areas.
 - iii) The student should have obtained admission in any professional course duly recognized by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Medical Council of India etc. and in the professional institutions approved by Government of India as the case may be.
- (b): The details of financial assistance provided and students benefited during last three years (2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11), State-wise, is at Annexure-A.
- (c) & (d): The Education Loan Scheme has not been evaluated during the last three years, i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11.
- (e): Yes, Sir.
- (f): The NBCFDC provides project linked training for upgradation of technical and entrepreneurial skills of eligible members of Backward Classes through State Channelising Agencies (SCAs)/National Institutes.

The number of beneficiaries under the Training Scheme and the financial assistance provided during the last three years (2008-09, 2009-10 & 2010-11) State-wise is at Annexure-B