

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ST WOMEN AND GIRLS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme for higher education of tribal women and girls;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of women and girls benefited therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (d) the funds sanctioned and utilised by the State Governments for the purpose during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

(a)&(b): Ministry of Tribal Affairs does not implement any specific scheme for ST girl students for higher education. However, the following schemes are being implemented by Ministry of Tribal Affairs relating to education of ST students aimed at benefiting ST boys and girls.

(i) Post Matric Scholarship (PMS) for ST students:- The scheme of PMS covers all recognized post-matric studies being pursued in recognized institutions. The scheme is implemented through State Governments/UT Administrations.

(ii) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) for ST students:- Under the scheme of RGNF, fellowships are provided to ST students for pursuing higher studies such as M.Phil and Ph.D. Every year a total of 667 fellowships are provided to ST students. The scheme is implemented through University Grant Commission.

(iii) Top Class Education for ST students:- Under the scheme, scholarships are provided to ST students who are pursuing studies at degree and post degree level in identified institutions like IIT, NIT, IIM etc. The said scheme is implemented through identified institutes under the scheme.

(iv) National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) for ST students:- Under the scheme of NOS financial assistance is provided to ST students for pursuing higher studies abroad in specified fields of Master Level courses, Ph. D. and Post-Doctoral research programmes, in the field of Engineering, Technology and Science. The scheme is implemented by Ministry itself and applications from eligible ST candidates are called for by publishing advertisement in leading National News Papers.

(c) The ST girl students benefited under these schemes during the last three years and current year is at Annexure-1.

(d) The scheme called 'Post Matric Scholarship for ST students' is implemented through State Governments/UT Administrations. The grant-in-aid released to State Governments/UT Administrations and amount utilized by them during the last three years and current year is at Annexure-2.