

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4706

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PROMOTION OF EDUCATION IN NORTH EASTERN STATES

Toppo Shri Joseph

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides funds to North-Eastern States for providing scholarships to Scheduled Tribe community students for promotion of education among them;

(b) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise; and

(c) the details of fund sanctioned, released and utilised by the North-Eastern State Governments for the said purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements four scholarship schemes for ST students namely (i) Post Matric Scholarship (PMS), (ii) National Overseas Scholarship (NOS), (iii) Top Class Education, and (iv) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF) at present. Out of these schemes, only Post Matric Scholarship Scheme is being implemented through State Governments/UT Administrations including North-Eastern States for providing scholarship to ST students for promotion of education among them. This is a scheme need-based and demand-driven scheme. In respect of other schemes mentioned above at serial no. (ii), (iii) & (iv), this Ministry provides funds to the Ministry of External Affairs, concerned Institutions & University Grants Commission respectively to disburse the scholarship to ST students.

(c): The details of funds sanctioned, released to the North-Eastern State Governments and utilized by them under the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for ST students for the said purpose during each of the last three years and the current year is at Annex.