

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to expand National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for higher education in foreign countries for tribal students;

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Central Sector Scheme of "National Overseas Scholarship for ST students" being implemented by this Ministry is already exclusively for pursuing higher studies abroad in certain subjects at the Masters' level and for Ph.D/doctoral research programmes. Under the scheme, every year there are 13 awards for Scheduled Tribes and 2 awards for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups, thus totals to 15 awards. At present the Ministry has no proposal to extend the number of awards.