

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR SC STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has initiated various schemes in respect to the development of Scheduled Caste students in backward districts of the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, details thereof; and
- (c) the budgetary allocation made and the expenditure incurred on such schemes during the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

(a) and (b): Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is implementing the following Schemes for educational development of students belonging to Scheduled Castes(SCs), including the SC students in backward districts of country:

Centrally sponsored schemes:

1. Post-Matric Scholarship (PMS) Scheme for SC students;
2. Pre-Matric Scholarship for Children of those engaged in 'unclean' occupations;
3. Upgradation of Merit of SC students;
4. Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana; and
5. Pre-Matric Scholarship for SC students studying in Classes IX-X: A new Scheme implemented with effect from 01.07.2012.

Central Sector Schemes:

1. Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC students;
2. National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for SC etc. candidates for higher studies abroad;
3. "Top Class" Education Scheme for SC students studying in identified premier institutions of professional education;and
4. Free Coaching for SC and OBC students.

(c): Central assistance (CA) is released to State Governments/UTs only under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The State/UT-wise statement of funds released under these Schemes during the last three years (2009-10 to 2011-12) is enclosed at Annexures I-IV.