

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AMONG SC/ST STUDENTS

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the names of schemes being run for promoting education among students of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and providing technical education to them in the country, particularly in Maharashtra State as on date;

(b) whether the students of Scheduled Castes/Tribes are being benefited by these schemes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of beneficiary students of Scheduled Caste/Tribes from these schemes during the last three years till date, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c) : The Ministry has launched following schemes for promoting higher education including technical education among Scheduled Casts/Scheduled Tribes students in the country :-

# Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship awarded for graduate/post graduate studies in Colleges and Universities.

# A new Central Scheme to provide full interest subsidy during the period of moratorium on educational loans for students belonging to economically weaker sections from scheduled bank under the Educational Loan Scheme of the Indian Banks' Association.

# The University Grants Commission (UGC) provides for relaxation in minimum qualifying marks for admission, implements the career orientation programme for the graduates for gainful employment, provides financial assistance for extension activities for SC/ST/OBC candidates. Apart from this, UGC has created a central pool data base of eligible SC/ST/OBC candidates and recommends their candidature for teaching positions in universities and colleges.

# UGC also provides for establishment of SC/ST Cells, Residential Coaching Academy for minorities and SC/ST/Women, Remedial Coaching schemes, Post Graduate Scholarship for Professional Courses, Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for providing scholarships to pursue programmes in higher education such as M.Phil. and Ph.D., Post Doctoral Fellowship to undertake advanced studies and Post Doctoral research in Science, Engineering & Technology, Humanities and Social Science in Indian Universities/Institutions/Colleges.

# In addition to above the Indian Institute of Technology(IITs) conducts a preparatory course for SC/ST students. Selection for this course is made from the Joint Entrance Examination list of SC/ST students who did not qualify for admission. Upon successfully completing the Preparatory course at the IIT, they would be eligible to join th B.Tech programme and they will not require to write the JEE again. Travelling allowance is given to the students joining the Preparatory course.

The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) also has following scheme for providing scholarship to the students including students belonging to SC/ST categories:-

# Scholarship to all GATE/GPAT qualified students for pursuing Master in Engineering and Pharmacy.

# Tuition fee Waiver Scheme for sons & daughter of parents having annual income of less than Rs 4.5 lakhs from all sources which is mandatory for all AICTE approved technical institutions offering bachelor programme, Diploma, Post Diploma programme of three/four years of duration. The seats upto maximum 5% of sanctioned intake per course supernumerary in nature are available for these admissions.

(d) The number of beneficiary students of Scheduled Casts/Tribes from these schemes are not being maintained in the Ministry.