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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the amount of State scholarship upto secondary level is very low;
- (b) if so, whether the Central Government is proposing to increase it; and
- (c) if so, the time by which it will be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) The Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched a centrally sponsored 'National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme' in 2008-09 for providing scholarships @ ` 500 per month to one lakh new students from class IX every year which are continued upto class XII subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. As per the scheme those students studying as regular students in class VIII in Government, Government-aided and local body schools and whose parental income from all sources is upto ` 1.5 lakh per annum are eligible to appear in the selection test under the scheme.

(b) & (c) The Ministry is considering increasing the rate of scholarships under the scheme. No specific time frame for its implementation can be indicated at this stage as the decision would depend on availability of funds among other issues.