

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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SCHOLARSHIP TO PIOS NRIS STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total budgetary allocation for scholarships to Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs)/Non- Resident Indians (NRIs) students during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of total scholarships awarded to POIs/NRIs students during the said period;
- (c) whether any special provision has been made for awarding scholarships to PIOs/NRIs students belonging to SC/ST communities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) Under the Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC), total budgetary allocation for scholarships to Persons of Indian Origin(PIOs)/ Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) students during the last three years and the current year is stated below:

2009-10 - Rs. 3.5 Crore

2010-11 - Rs. 6 Crore

2011-12 - Rs. 5 Crore

2012-13 - Rs. 5 Crore

(b) The details of the scholarship awarded to PIOs/NRIs during the said period are as follows:

2009-10 : 65

2010-11 : 100

2011-12 : 100

Under the scheme, scholarships are provided to 100 selected students, 50(fifty) each from the Non-Resident Indian (NRI) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) categories.

(c) to (e) Not at present.