

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

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PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to provide scholarship to the students of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) category upto matric level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has disbursed scholarships under various schemes to the students of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) category during the last two years and the current year; and
- (d) if so, the details of amount dispersed thereof, State-wise, category-wise and scheme-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI P. BALRAM NAIK)

- (a)&(b) The Ministry is providing Central assistance to the States/ UTs for implementing the following Schemes upto matric level:-
- (i) Pre-matric Scholarship for SC Students studying in classes IX-X: The objective of the scheme is to support the parents of SC children for education of their wards studying in classes IX & X so that the incidence of drop-out, especially in the transition of the elementary to the secondary stage is minimized and to improve participation of SC children in classes IX and X of the pre-matric stage, so that they perform better and have a better chance of progressing to the post-matric stage of education;
 - (ii) Pre-matric Scholarship for OBC Students for studies in India: The objective of the scheme is to provide scholarship for the benefit of children belonging to weaker section amongst OBCs.
- (c) & (d) Details of amount disbursed under the above schemes State-wise, category-wise is at Annexure.