

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1449  
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POST-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the funds provided for scholarship to the students of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) are very less as compared to the funds provided for scholarship to the Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Scheduled Tribes (STs)/minority communities;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to increase the amount for post-matric scholarship and construction of hostel buildings; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

(a) The scholarship scheme for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) is implemented based on funds allocated to the Ministry during the year. The details of funds released under Post-Matric Scholarship Schemes for Other Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Minority Communities during 2011-12 are as under:

Sl. Name of the Scheme Rs. in crore  
No.

1 Post-Matric Scholarships to the 527.99  
students of OBCs

2 Post-Matric Scholarships to the 2711.34  
students of SCs

3 Post-Matric Scholarships to the 865.65  
students of STs

4 Post-Matric Scholarships to the 362.99  
students of Minority Communities

(b) & (c) The budget allocation under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship to the students belonging to OBCs has been enhanced from Rs.135.00 crore in 2009-10 to Rs.625.00 crore in 2012-13.

At present the budget allocation under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Construction of Hostel for OBC Boys and Girls is adequate.