

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

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STIPEND TO SC/ST STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the rate of stipend given to SC/ST students for pre-matric and post-matric studies;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to increase the stipend; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Under the pre-matric scholarship scheme for SC/ST students studying in classes IX and X , the rate of scholarship is Rs.150/- per month for day scholar and Rs.350/-per month for hostellers, for a period of ten months in a year and books and ad-hoc grant of Rs.750/- per year for day scholars and Rs.1000/- per year for hostellers. Additional allowance for students with disabilities is also admissible to those who are studying in private un-aided recognized schools.

Under the Post-matric scholarship scheme for SC/ST students, central assistance includes maintenance allowance, reader charges for blind students, study tour charges, thesis typing/printing charges, book allowance to students pursuing correspondence course, reimbursement of compulsory non-refundable fees and additional allowance for students with disabilities. The maintenance allowance for hostellers is between Rs.380/-per month to Rs.1200/- p.m. and for day scholars from Rs.230/-p.m. to Rs.550/-p.m. depending upon the level of courses.

(b): No, Madam.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.