

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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CHOLARSHIPS TO BPL STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is providing scholarships to the students belonging to BPL families in various States especially in Maharashtra;
- (b) If so, the details thereof along with the number of students benefited from this scholarship scheme during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the various States have requested for more funds for running such scheme; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof along with the Government's reaction to those requests?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) to (b) The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) does not have any scheme exclusively for students belonging to BPL families. However, the MHRD is implementing two Scholarship Schemes viz. the Centrally Sponsored National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) and the Central Sector Scholarship Scheme for College and University students. NMMSS provides scholarships @ ₹ 500 per month to students from class IX every year, which is continued upto class XII, subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions. Students studying as regular students 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. The Central Sector Scholarship Scheme for College and University Students is for meritorious students whose parental income does not exceed ₹ 4.50 lakh per annum. The rate of Scholarship is ₹ 10,000 per annum for the first three years of graduate level studies and ₹ 20,000 per annum for post graduate level studies and 4th and 5th year of professional courses. A Statement showing the number of students who have benefited from these scholarship schemes during the last three years by State-wise, is given at Annexure.

(c) to (d) The funds are not allotted to the States. The scholarship is remitted directly into the bank accounts of the selected students.