

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:156
ANSWERED ON:22.02.2013
PRE MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR ST STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Tribes (ST) students;
- (b) if so, the details and salient features thereof; and
- (c) the Central Financial Assistance Provided to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations under the said scheme during 2012-13, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SMT. RANEE NARAH)

(a): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has introduced a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students studying in classes IX&X w.e.f. 01-07-2012.

(b): The Scheme aims at improving participation of ST 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. The rates of Scholarship are Rs.150/- per month for day scholars and Rs.350/- per month for hostellers, for a period of 10 months in a year and books and adhoc grant of Rs.750/- per year for day scholars and Rs.1000/- per year for hostellers. Additional allowance for ST students with disabilities is also admissible to those students who are studying in private unaided recognized schools. The scholarship is, however, available to only those ST students who are not getting any other Centrally funded Pre-Matric Scholarship and whose parents'/guardian's annual income does not exceed Rs.2.00 lakh. The Scheme is implemented through the State Governments and UT Administrations who receive 100% Central Assistance over and above the committed liability of the State Governments/UT Administrations is available from the Government of India.

(c): Details of Central Assistance released to State/UT-wise under the Scheme during 2012-13 (as on 31/01/2013) are as under:-

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Central Assistance Released (Rs. in lakh)
1.	Odisha	3128.00
2.	Jharkhand	1472.00
3.	Madhya Pradesh	3400.00
4.	Assam	90.00
5.	Mizoram	70.00
6.	Tripura	340.00

Total	8500.00
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