

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4259
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EDUCATIONAL SCHEMES FOR STS IN LAKSHADWEEP
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Scheme for Post-Metric Scholarship, Book Banks, upgradation of Merit and other educational schemes to improve the literacy level of Scheduled Tribe students are being implemented in Lakshadweep;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of beneficiaries therein; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs operates Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Post-Matric Scholarships, Book Banks and Upgradation of Merit for ST students as also the other educational schemes of Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students, Construction of Hostels for ST Girls and Boys, Establishment of Ashram School in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas and Vocational Training in Tribal Areas through the State Governments and UT Administrations all over the country including Lakshadweep.
- (b): All these Schemes are demand driven and need based and are applicable to all States /UTs having Scheduled Tribe population. Central Assistance under the schemes is released to the States/UTs based on submission of proposals complete in all respects and subject to availability of fund.
- (c): So far the UT Administration of Lakshadweep has not submitted any proposal and hence, no funds have been released to them under these schemes.