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SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) The salient features of the Direct Benefit Scheme (DBS) being implemented by the Union Government to grant scholarship to the students of Dalit, Tribal and Minority communities etc. for higher studies;
- (b) the details of the amount of scholarship and total number of beneficiaries in various States under DBS since its launch, category-wise and year-wise; and
- (c) the details of mechanism evolved by the Government in coordination with other Ministries to maintain exact data of the beneficiaries of DBS?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMNETARY AFFAIRS & PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

a) Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Rollout has begun since 1st January, 2013 in 43 Districts & in 26 identified Schemes that include Scholarships, entitlements and other benefits. The Scholarship schemes for higher studies which are being implemented under the Direct Benefit Transfer Programme for Dalit, Tribal and Minority communities etc. are as under:

Sl. No	Ministry/ Department	Name of the Scheme
1	M/o Social Justice & Empowermentfor	Post Matric Scholarship SC Students. National Overseas Scholarship Schemes for SC Students. Post Matric Scholarship for OBCs. Top Class Education Scheme.
2	M/o Human Resources Development, D/o Education	Scholarship to Universities/ Higher College Students. Fellowship Schemes of UGC. Fellowship Schemes of AICTE
3	M/o Tribal Affairs	Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST Top Class Education System. Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship.
4	M/o Minority Affairs	Post Matric Scholarship Scheme. Maulana Azad National Fellowship. Merit cum Means Scholarship Scheme.
5	M/o Labour and Employment	Scholarship to the Children of beedi workers.

b) : Although, a lot of scholarships already were released to beneficiaries much before the launch of Direct Benefit Transfer Programme, the Scheme-wise details of the amount of scholarship disbursed for higher studies since the launch of Direct Benefits Transfer (1.1.2013) is at Annexure I. The total number of persons benefited thereby in some of the identified schemes under DBT is as below.

Name of the Ministry	Name of the Scheme	Total No. of Beneficiaries benefitted
Ministry of HRD- Higher Education	Scholarship to Universities /College Students.	29571
	Fellowship Schemes of UGC.	2477
Ministry of Tribal Affairs	Post-Matric Scholarship	22588

Affairs for ST Students
Top Class Education for 13
ST students
Rajiv Gandhi National 84
Fellowship for ST
Candidates
Ministry of Minority Merit cum Means Scholarship 38
Affairs Scheme
Post Matric Scholarship for 297
Minority Students
Total 55,068

c): A DBT Monitoring and Information System (MIS) has been created for the purpose of maintaining data related to DBT roll out. The concerned Ministries are required to collect, verify and upload the data pertaining to DBT roll out status in the districts onto the DBT MIS System and maintain the digitized database of beneficiaries at department level.