

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:316
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SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES FOR STS STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of scholarship schemes being implemented by the Government for providing educational facilities to the Scheduled Tribes (STs) students;
- (b) the funds allocated, released and utilisation reported thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, Scheme-wise and State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the scholarship amount given to the tribal students, particularly under the Pre and Post Matric Scholarship schemes is very less and there are requests/demands to increase the same; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) As a critical gap filling measure, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs supplements the efforts of the Ministry of Human Resources Development (the line Ministry for promotion of education) and concerned State/UT Administrations by implementing the following scholarship schemes for the educational development of tribal students in the country:-

- (i) Post-Matric Scholarship for ST students
- (ii) Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students studying in classes IX & X (w.e.f 01.07.2012)
- (iii) Scheme of National Overseas Scholarship for ST students.
- (iv) Top Class Education for ST students
- (v) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for ST students.

Brief of the above scheme are given at Annexure-I

(b) Allocation of Budget Estimate (BE) and at Revised Estimate (RE) during the last three years and current financial year is given as under:-

(Rs.in crore)

Sl Name of the Scheme Years.

2010-11 2011-12 2012-13 2013-14

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1 Post-Matric Scholarship for ST students 5.56 5.56 6.67 8.21 748.5 748.5 748.5 -

2 Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students - - - 86.0 111.73 212.19 -
studying in classes IX & X (w.e.f 01.07.2012)

3 Scheme of National Overseas Scholarship 1.00 0.50 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 -
for ST students

4 Top Class Education for ST students 2.50 5.00 5.00 7.00 13.00 10.11 13.00 -

5 Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for ST 75.00 60.69 62.00 84.9 90.00 45.0 90.00 -
students.

The State-wise release of funds under the scheme of Post Matric Scholarship and Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST Students, which are need based and demand driven, are given at Annexure-II & III. Funds under the Scheme of National Overseas Scholarship for ST students are released directly to the students through the Ministry of External Affairs, while funds under the scheme of Top Class Education for ST students are released to students through identified Top class Institutes. Under the scheme of Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for ST students, funds are released by this Ministry to the students through University Grant Commission (UGC). The details of funds released under these schemes during the last three years and current financial year are given as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

S1 Name of the Scheme Years

2010-11 2011-12 2012-13 2013-14@

1 Scheme of National Overseas 0.30 0.78 1.00 0.65
Scholarship for ST students

2 Top Class Education for ST students 3.45 6.97 10.11 2.90

3 Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for 60.68 84.93 45.00 0.00
ST students.

@ Upto November, 2013.

In all the above schemes, subsequent funds are released only when Utilization Certificates (in prescribed format) and progress report of previous year releases are received.

(c) No request/demand has been received from any State/UT Administration to increase scholarship amount under the scheme of Pre and Post Matric Scholarship for ST students.

(d) Does not arise.