

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR SC STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has launched various schemes for the development of the students belonging to the Scheduled Castes in the backward districts of the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the budgetary allocation and the expenditure incurred on such schemes during the said period, State/ UT-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) and (b) Department of Social Justice & Empowerment has implemented a new Centrally sponsored Scheme viz. Pre-matric Scholarship for SC students studying in Classes IX & X w.e.f. 01.07.2012. Under the Scheme, Central Assistance is released to State Governments and UT Administrations for educational development of students belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC), including the students in backward districts of the country. Scholarship is paid to students whose parents/guardians income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2.00 lakh per annum. The rates of Scholarship and other grant will be as follows:

Item	Day Scholars	Hostellers
Scholarship (Rs. per month) for 10 months	150	350
Books and Ad hoc Grant (Rs. per annum)	750	1000

(c) Details of Budget allocation under the scheme during 2012-13 and 2013-14 is as under:-

Year	Budget allocation (B.E.) (Rs. in lakh)	Revised Estimate (R.E.) (Rs. in lakh)
2012-13	82400.00	93870.00
2013-14	90000.00	Yet to be finalized

The State/UT-wise statement of Central assistance released under the scheme during 2012-13 and 2013-14 till date is enclosed at Annexure.