

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SC ST STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether any financial assistance is being given by the University Grants Commission (UGC) to SC/ST students for the National Eligibility Test (NET); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of beneficiaries of such assistance, State and university-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a): Yes, Madam. The University Grants Commission (UGC) provided financial assistance to eligible universities under the Scheme of Coaching for the National Eligibility Test (NET) Examination to Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe students under the Merged Scheme during XI Plan period.

(b): Financial assistance was provided by the UGC, as per the guidelines upto Rs. 5 lakhs (as non-recurring & one-time grant) and upto Rs.7 lakhs (for recurring items) to universities during the XIth Plan under the scheme for coaching to SC, ST and minority candidates to prepare for the National Eligibility Test (NET). The statement indicating the number of beneficiaries university-wise is at Annexure-I.