

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2696

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FACILITIES FOR HIGHER STUDIES FOR ST STUDENTS

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides financial assistance to tribal students to pursue higher studies in the fields of Engineering, Technology and Science;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of beneficiaries thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government provides appropriate guidance to tribal students in getting admission to foreign accredited universities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides financial assistance under the schemes of viz. Post Matric Scholarship, Top Class Education and Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for ST students for pursuing higher studies in India including in the fields of Engineering, Technology and Science etc. The Ministry also implements the scheme of "National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe students" under which financial assistance to tribal students is provided specifically to pursue higher studies abroad in the fields of Science, Engineering and Technology. The State-wise number of ST students selected under the scheme of "Post Matric Scholarship for ST students and the scheme of "National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe students" during the last three years and current year is given at Annexures-I & II. As regards the scheme of Top Class Education for ST students and Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for ST students these are not implemented through the State Government/UT Administration. However, details of beneficiaries covered under these schemes during last three years and current year is at Annexure-III.

(c) & (d): At present the scheme of National Overseas Scholarship for ST students provides only financial assistance to Scheduled Tribe Students for pursuing higher studies abroad. The choice of the University/Institution depends purely upon the selected candidates.

(e): Does not arise.