

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

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ADMISSION OF POOR STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to collect data on students belonging to the Below Poverty Line families admitted in institutions for higher education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the total number of such students who got admission for higher studies during the last three years, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide the higher education to the students belonging to poorest families?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : The Ministry has not conducted any survey to collect data on students belonging to the Below Poverty Line families admitted in institutions for higher education.

(c): In order to encourage students of lower income groups to pursue higher education, the Government has introduced scholarship programmes for them to supplement the cost of education. In addition, the Government has introduced a scheme for Interest Subsidy on Education Loans to enable students from economically weaker sections to pursue professional education. The National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has been launched with the objective of making the best use of ICT with the purpose of identification and nurturing of talent and life-long learning as well as for extending the facility of education to a larger section of people.