

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRAGATI SCHOLARSHIP FOR GIRLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement any scholarship scheme called `Pragati` for promoting the technical education of girl students in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the salient features of the scheme;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to revise the eligibility criteria of the above scheme keeping in view its discriminating nature of restricting the scheme to one girl per family; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a) &(b): Yes Madam. To provide encouragement and support to Girl Child to pursue technical education "Pragati Scholarship" has been launched by the Government from the year 2014-15. The salient features of the "Pragati Scholarship" are as under:
- (i) Number of scholarship per annum: 4000
 - (ii) One Girl per family whose family income is less than Rs.6 Lakhs per annum
 - (iii) The candidates will be selected on merit at the qualifying examination
 - (iv) The candidates should have been admitted to 1st year of the Degree or diploma programme in any of the AICTE approved institute during the academic year 2014-15 through centralized admission process of the State /Central Government.
 - (v) Amount of scholarship: Tuition Fee of Rs. 30000/- or at actual, whichever is less and Rs. 2000/- per month for 10 months as incidentals each year.
- (c) & (d): At present, the Government does not propose to revise the eligibility criteria and other conditions of the " Pragati Scholarship".