

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:180

ANSWERED ON:24.02.2015

. NATIONAL OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

K. Shri Parasuraman

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the scheme of `National Overseas Scholarship for OBC candidates`, financial assistance is given to candidates for pursuing Ph.D abroad only in some particular fields of study;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to extend the fields of study in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)

(a) Yes. The Scheme of 'National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for OBC candidates' has been renamed as 'Dr Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loan for Overseas Studies for OBC' wherein the interest subsidy will be provided to the OBC students on the interest payable for the period of moratorium for the educational loans availed by them from the Banks to pursue approved courses of studies abroad at Masters and Ph.D level.

(b) The Scheme is at Annexure.

(c) & (d) Under this revised Scheme, the number of courses covered has been increased from 4 to 42 subjects.