

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

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WELFARE SCHEMES FOR SC/OBC STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various welfare schemes for students belonging to the SCs and OBCs viz. providing free stationary in schools, grant of scholarships at school and graduation levels and also for vocational studies in ITI etc. are being properly implemented in the States and UTs;
- (b) if so, the number of beneficiaries during each of the last three years, scheme and State-wise;
- (c) the details of funds earmarked for each scheme and the Center's share therein vis-a- vis fund actually spent during the said period, State-wise; and
- (d) whether any inquiry has been conducted to find out the reasons for low/ under utilisation of the funds, if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Centrally sponsored schemes namely Pre-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Caste (SC) Students studying in Classes IX and X , Post-Matric Scholarship for SC students, Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Other Back- ward Classes (OBC) students and Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC students are being imple- mented properly in the States and Union Territories. The SC students studying in schools who avail pre- matric scholarships get a grant for purchase of books. Post-matric scholarships are also given to students pursuing vocational studies and ITI courses.
- (b) & (c) Details of state-wise number of benefi- ciaries and Central Assistance (CA) released under the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Castes (SC) Students during each of the last three years are at Annexure-I. The Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for SC students studying in Classes IX and X came into effect from 2012-13. Details of state-wise number of beneficiaries and Central Assistance (CA) released under the Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students studying in Class IX & X during each of the last two years are at Annexure-II. Details of state-wise number of beneficiaries, Central Assistance allocated and released under the Post matric Scholarship Scheme and Pre- matric Scholarship Scheme for Other Backward classes (OBCs) during each of the last three years are at Annexure-III and Annexure-IV.
- (d) No, Sir. Funds allocated under these schemes are appropriately utilized.