

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

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) number of students obtained scholarship for higher education during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the number of scholarships and beneficiaries have come down in the last three years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the effective measures taken by the Government to address the complaints of inordinate delay in processing and irregular delivery of scholarships?

Answer

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

- (a), (b) & (c) The Ministry of Human Resource Development is administering two Scholarship Schemes for higher education, namely
- (i) Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students and
 - (ii) Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir. The number of students who have obtained scholarship under both the schemes during the last three years i.e. 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 are at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.
- (d) To address the complaints of inordinate delay in processing and irregular delivery of scholarships the Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students has been brought under the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) w.e.f. 1.1.2013. Under the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Programme of the Government of India, scholarships have been disbursed to 217579 students directly into the bank accounts of the beneficiaries with effect from 1.1.2013 to 31.3.2015. To further streamline the process, an 'Online renewal scholarship portal' has been developed. The Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir is implemented by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) which regularly follows up with the Universities/ Colleges/Institutions through e-mails, letters, press advertisement and meetings to facilitate the disbursement of pending scholarship claims.