

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1842
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STOPPAGE OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS TO STS
Nath Shri Chand

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has stopped releasing funds being given for joint scholarship for Scheduled Tribe (ST) students;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) The number of ST students affected as a result of this;
- (d) Whether some State Governments including Rajasthan have sent proposals for release of funds in this regard;
- (e) If so, the details thereof; and
- (f) The details of the difficulties in the way of sanctioning the said amount, if any?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA)

- (a): No, Sir. No scholarship scheme for Scheduled Tribe (ST) students has been stopped.
- (b) & (c): Does not arise in view of (a).
- (d) & (e): Fund release to the states including Rajasthan for the Financial Year 2014-15 is placed at Annexure.
- (f): Utilization of past funds with certificate to that effect and overall availability of funds in the Ministry as per scheme guidelines are determining factors of fund release.