

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SCHOLARSHIP TO OBC STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced any scheme to provide scholarship to the students belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) studying in primary schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the Government proposes to increase its share in the scholarship provided to OBC students?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITIZUBIN IRANI)

(a): Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), there is no specific provision to provide scholarships to the students studying in primary schools. However, a scheme namely Pre-Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) students is being run by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment to provide scholarship to OBC students studying in primary classes.

(b) & (c): The scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship to the OBC Students is a centrally sponsored scheme, where expenditure is shared between centre and state in 50:50 ratio. The income ceiling for eligibility is Rs. 44,500/- per annum. The rates under the scheme for Day Scholars for Class I to V are Rs. 25/- per month and for hostellers the rates under the scheme for Class III to VIII are Rs. 200/- per month. In addition, Rs.500/- per student per annum to all students i.e. hostellers as well as day scholars is also given as ad-hoc grant. The scheme is implemented through the State Governments.