

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WELFARE OF ECONOMICALLY CHALLENGED PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take initiative in employment, education, discount in fees required in different sectors and other numerous welfare policies, schemes which are already running for the economically challenged people in the country irrespective of their caste, creed and clan etc., without affecting the current system of India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The following new schemes for the welfare of Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) have been launched in 2014-15 with the approval of the competent authority:-

- (i) Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loan for Overseas Studies for Economically Backward Classes (EBCs).
- (ii) Dr. Ambedkar Post-Matric Scholarship for the Economically Backward Class Students (Centrally Sponsored Scheme).