

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

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SC FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme for providing financial assistance to SC/OBC students pursuing higher and technical education/Post-graduate viz. engineering /medical courses etc. in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds sanctioned and beneficiaries covered during the last three years and the current year, scheme and State-wise including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the rate of financial assistance keeping in view the prevailing market rates etc.; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Yes. Department of Social Justice & Empowerment is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) for SC/OBC students for pursuing higher and technical education /Post-graduate viz. engineering/Medical courses etc in the country. Under these Schemes Central Assistance is provided to States/UTs for implementation of the Schemes. The Schemes are as under:-

1. Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Caste students (PMS-SC).
2. Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Other Backward Classes (PMS-OBC).

(b): The State/UT-wise details of Central Assistance released and beneficiaries covered including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana during the last three years (2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15) is enclosed at Annexure I&II. No Central Assistance has been released during the current year 2015-16.

(c) & (d) : Presently, no such proposal is under consideration of the Government.