

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

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PMS for SC/OBC Students
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides Central Assistance to the States under the Post Matric Scholarship (PMS) scheme for students belonging to SC and OBC Community, if so, the amount of Central Assistance sought and the amount actually released during each of the last two years and the current year, category and State/ UT-wise;
- (b) whether any norm has been fixed/ time frame stipulated for disbursement of the said scholarship to the SC/OBC students and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of SC/OBC students who had applied for the said scholarship and the number of such students actually provided the same during the said period, category and State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the efforts being made to ensure coverage of all eligible students under the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

- (a) The details of the central assistance sought and amount actually released during each of the last two years and the current year for scheduled caste students and other backward class students, state-wise, are given at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.
- (b) In order to ensure timely payment of scholarship amount to beneficiaries, the State Government / UT administrations were advised to avoid cash payment of scholarship amount and are required to issue instructions to all concerned that payment of scholarship should be made to beneficiaries through their accounts in post offices/banks.
- (c) and (d) As per the guidelines issued, all eligible scheduled caste students are given the said scholarship. The States/UTs are the implementing agencies. The details of the beneficiaries, state-wise furnished by the States/UTs during the last two years and the current year for scheduled caste students and other-backward class students are given in the Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively