

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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Scholarship to SCs for Education Abroad  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of facilities provided/ being provided including scholarship and hostel facilities to students belonging to Scheduled Castes for studying abroad; and
- (b) the number of students provided such facilities during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a): The National Overseas Scholarship provides facilities including scholarship to students belonging to Scheduled Castes for studying abroad as under

i) No Hostel facility for SC etc students under the scheme is provided. However maintenance allowance for meeting expenses of boarding & lodging as mentioned above is paid to the awardees studying aboard.

Annual maintenance and contingency allowances are as detailed below

Annual Allowances For United Kingdom For United states of America and other countries

Maintenance allowance GBP 9900 US\$ 15400

Contingency Allowance GBP 1100 US\$ 1500

ii) Incidental journey allowance of US \$ 20/- (twenty) or its equivalent in Indian Rupees and equipment allowance of US \$ 20/- (twenty).

iii) Actual visa fees in Indian Rupees.

iv) Air passage from India to the nearest place to educational institution and back to India, by economy class and shortest route in arrangement with the national carrier.

v) Fees and Medical Insurance Premium actual as charged.

Financial assistance under the Scheme is provided for a maximum period of 4 years for Ph.D. and 3 years for Master's programme.

(b) The details of the number of Scheduled Caste candidates selected for scholarship abroad for higher studies are given in Annexure-I