

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

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SCHOLARSHIPS TO OBC STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the amount of scholarships being given as per the norms of the year 1998-99 to the students belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) under various welfare schemes and the same has also been recommended by the Committee constituted for the welfare of OBCs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has enhanced the amount of Central assistance allocated to the States during the 12th Five Year Plan and the amount of Central assistance to be released to the States is likely to increase in the current financial year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

- (a) Yes. The Committee constituted for the welfare of the OBCs has recommended increase in the Scholarship rates under the Pre-matric and Post-matric Scholarship Schemes for OBC Students during 2013-14.
- (b) Due to limited outlay approved by the Planning Commission, the rates could not be revised.
- (c) Yes, the Government has enhanced the funds allocated to various States during 12th Five Year Plan from 11th Five Year Plan under the Scholarship Schemes from Rs 1439 Cr to Rs 5365 Cr. The amount of Central assistance to be released to the States is not likely to increase in the current financial year since the Utilization -Certificates of previous years were not sent by the States within the stipulated time.
- (d) The State wise details are Annexed.