

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR SC STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated and utilized under the centrally sponsored schemes of the Government for assisting the SC students to pursue their education during each of the last three years, scheme-wise;
- (b) whether the implementation of the said schemes have been evaluated; and
- (c) if so, the details and outcome thereof along with the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): The scheme-wise details of the Budget allocation and Central assistance released to States/UTs under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, for assisting the Scheduled Castes (SC) Students to pursue their education during the last three years are given below:

Name of Scheme	Years	Budget Allocation (Rs. in crore)	Central assistance released (Rs. in crore)
Pre-Matric	2011-12#	-Nil-	-Nil-
Scholarship Scheme	2012-13	824.00	931.37
class IX & X (w.e.f. 1.07.2012)	2013-14	900.00	546.53
Post-Matric	2011-12	2218.00	2711.34
Scholarship Scheme	2012-13	1500.00	1654.65
	2013-14	1500.00	2153.49
Upgradation of Merit	2011-12	4.00	2.9074
SC Students	2012-13	5.00	1.9698
	2013-14	5.00	4.3843

#The Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students studying in classes IX and X has been implemented only from 1.07.2012.

(b) & (c): The Ministry gets the evaluation of the schemes done from time to time. A study of the "Impact of the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship to SC Students in Haryana and Gujarat" was submitted by the Indian Council for Scientific Research & Social Development (ICSRSD), Varanasi during 2011. The evaluation study supported the continuation of the Scheme. It, inter-alia recommended to upward revise the rates of Scholarship and annual parental Income ceiling under the Scheme. Annual parental income ceiling has since been raised to Rs. 2.5 lakhs from academic year 2013-14.

An independent evaluation of the "Up-gradation of Merit of SC Students" Scheme was last got done through the Indian Social Institute, New Delhi in 2011. The evaluation study supported the continuation of the Scheme. It, inter-alia recommended to upward revise the rates of Scholarship. The Scheme was revised w.e.f. 01.08.2013.