

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2363  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2019**

**INTER-CASTE MARRIAGES**

**2363. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:**

**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the amount given as incentive under “Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Social Integration through Inter-Caste Marriages” for each couple;
- (b) the number of Inter-Caste Couples who have applied to avail the incentives under the scheme in the financial years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19;
- (c) the details of Inter-Caste Couples given incentives under the scheme during the said period;
- (d) whether the incentives under the scheme is available to 500 Inter-Caste Couples in a financial year;
- (e) if so, whether there is any proposal to increase the incentive amount and the number of beneficiaries under the scheme; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)**

- (a): Under the scheme Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Social Integration through Inter Caste Marriages, each couple is eligible for incentive amounting to Rs.2.50 lakhs.
- (b) & (c): Details of number of Inter-Caste couples who applied and number of couples given the incentive under the scheme in the financial years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 is at **Annexure**.
- (d) to (f): The Dr. Ambedkar Foundation scheme for incentive for inter caste marriage was targeted at the time of inception of the scheme, to cover 500 marriages in one year, which was implemented on a pilot basis for 2 years i.e. 2013-14 & 2014-15. However, the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation decided to continue the scheme beyond the year 2015. The target of covering 500 couples in one year is indicative only, and not exhaustive. The couples are provided incentive only if they are eligible under the provision of the Foundation Scheme. The said incentive is supplementary to the incentive already provided by the respective State Governments. As such, there is no proposal at present to increase the incentive amount by the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation.

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**Annexure**

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) and (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Admitted No 2363 for answer on 03.12.2019 regarding "Inter-Caste Marriages"**

**No. of Couples applied for incentive and were given incentive under Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for Social Integration through Inter Caste Marriages**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>No. of couples Applied</b>	<b>No. of couples given incentive</b>
1	2015-16	544	54
2	2016-17	711	67
3	2017-18	582	136
4	2018-19	493	120