

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

**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*163  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.03.2020**

**WELFARE SCHEMES FOR WEAKER SECTION**

**\*163. SHRI TALARI RANGAIAH:**

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

(a) whether the Government has welfare schemes for the weaker section of general category in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SHRI THAAWARHAND GEHLOT)**

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

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Statement for answer to part (a) to (b) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. \*163 for answer on 03.03.2020 raised by Shri Talari Rangaiah regarding "Welfare Schemes for Weaker Section".

(a) Yes Sir, following schemes are implemented for the welfare of weaker section of general category across the country by this Ministry.

1. Dr. Ambedkar Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarships for the Economically Backward Class (EBC) Students.

2. Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loan for Overseas Studies for OBCs/EBCs

3. Skill development Programme for OBC/EBCs run by NBCFDC

(b) The details of the Schemes are enclosed in Annexure-I

Annexure as referred to part (b) of Lok Sabha Starred Qn no. 163 to be answered on 03.03.2020.

**1. Scheme of Dr. Ambedkar Post-Matric Scholarship for Economically Backward Classes (EBCs)**

- This is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme being implemented through the State Government and Union Territories w.e.f. 2014-15. The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the EBC students studying at post-matriculation or post-secondary stage. The income ceiling of parents/guardians for eligibility is Rs.1.00 lakh per annum (including self-income, if employed).
- The Scheme is a "Funds-Limited" Scheme. The funds will be released to the States on first-come first-served basis, subject to a maximum amount to be worked out every year based on total budget made available that year, under the scheme.

The physical and financial achievement under the Scheme of Dr. Ambedkar Post-Matric scholarship for Economically Backward Class (EBC) is as follows:

S. No	Year	BE/RE (Rs. in Crore)	Funds released (Rs. in Crore)	No. of Beneficiaries
1.	2014-15	9.50/1.00	0.50	0.15 thousand
2.	2015-16	9.50/10.00	10.00	2.72 lakh*
3.	2016-17	10.00/15.12	15.12	1.84 lakh *
4.	2017-18	10.00/10.00	11.00	14.62 thousand*
5.	2018-19	103.00/23.00	23.00	21.34 thousand*
6.	2019-20	23.00/13.00	13.99	Awaited

\*provisional

- Total released so far Rs. 73.61 Cr.
- Total beneficiary of EBC covered 4.92 lakh.
- Schemes guidelines in Annexure

State wise releases and beneficiary covered is at **Annexure -II**

**2. "Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loan for Overseas Studies for OBCs/EBCs"**

- The Scheme was launched in 2014-15. The objective of the scheme is to award interest subsidy to meritorious OBC and EBC students so as to provide them better opportunities for higher education abroad and enhance their employability. To be eligible under the scheme, a student should come under the income ceiling Rs 2.50 lakh per annum. 50 % of the outlay every year is earmarked for Girl students. The students should have secured admission in the approved courses at Masters, M.Phil or Ph.D levels abroad. He/She should have availed loan from a scheduled bank under the Education Loan Scheme of the Indian Banks Association (IBA) for the purpose.

- Under the scheme, interest payable by the students availing the education loans of the IBA for the period of moratorium (i.e. course period, plus one year or six months after getting job, whichever is earlier) as prescribed under the Education Loan Scheme of the IBA, shall be borne by the Government of India. After the period of moratorium is over, the interest on the outstanding loan amount shall be paid by the student, in accordance with the existing Educational Loan Scheme of the Banks as may be amended from time to time. The candidate will bear the Principal instalments and interest beyond moratorium period. The Canara Bank has been nominated as Nodal Bank under the Scheme.

The physical and financial achievement under the Scheme is as follows:

(Rs. in Crore)				
S. No	Year	BE/RE	Released For (OBC/EBC)	No. of beneficiaries of EBC/Claimed settled (in no.)
1.	2014-15	6.00/1.00	0.89	52
2.	2015-16	6.66/1.00	0.99	250
3.	2016-17	2.00/3.00	2.90	347
4.	2017-18	4.30/4.30	19.87	555
5.	2018-19	10.00/10.00	10.00	903
6.	2019-20	15.00/26.09	15.00	588

- Total released so far Rs. 49.65 Cr. for (OBC/EBC)
- Total beneficiary of EBC covered 2695 only
- Schemes guidelines in Annexure

**3. The National Backward Classes Finance Development Corporation (NBCFDC)** facilitate skill Development Training Programme in broad conformance to the Common Norms issued by MSD&E to the target group including Economically Backward Classes (EBC), irrespective of any caste and category having Annual Family income below Rs.1.00 lakh, so that they may be engaged in wage/self-employment. NBCFDC has included the EBC in the programme from 2018-19. Budget

- Number of EBC Beneficiary which were implemented Skill Training of during the last 2 year.

S. No	Year	No. of Beneficiary	Released (for OBC/EBC) (Rs. in Crore)
1.	2018-19	2650	40.00
2.	2019-20	5465	15.00 (February)

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Details under the Scheme of Dr. Ambedkar Post Matric Scholarship for EBC Students (as on 28.02.2020)

S.No.	States/ UTs	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		(Amount in lakh)
		Funds Released	No. of Beneficiaries	Funds Released	No. of Beneficiaries	Funds Released	No. of Beneficiaries	Funds Released	No. of Beneficiaries	Funds Released	No. of Beneficiaries	Demand of States/UTs	Funds Released	
<b>ROC: 3601</b>														
1	Andhra Pradesh			355.00	267889	364.87	181287	154.05	\$					
2	Bihar			250.00	\$							6100.61	575.00	
4	Goa													
5	Gujarat									200.00	\$			
7	Himachal Pradesh			250.00	3577	50.74	290	300.00	8829	1306.45	11703	1000.00		
8	Jammu & Kashmir					92.92	716			200.00	3196	221.57		
11	Kerala					248.04	\$			244.45	1653			
14	Odisha					2.05	97	25.95	\$			5000.00		
16	Rajasthan	50.00	147			509.07	1054				923	430.42	430.42	
20	Uttarakhand					74.31	\$				1256	141.49		
<b>NE: 2552</b>														
26	Manipur							200.00	\$					
28	Sikkim			145.00	588	91.50	272	200.00	974	230.30	1664	393.55	393.55	
29	Tripura					58.50	308				820	33.97		
<b>UT: 3601</b>														
31	Chandigarh					20.00	158	20.00	\$		123	25.00		
<b>UT: 3602</b>														
	<b>Total</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>1000.00</b>	<b>272054</b>	<b>1512.00</b>	<b>184182</b>	<b>1100.00</b>	<b>14622</b>	<b>2300.00</b>	<b>21358</b>	<b>13346.61</b>	<b>1398.97</b>	

No. of beneficiaries are provided by States/UTs with subsequent year's proposal

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