

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2245

TO BE ANSWERED ON 08th March, 2021

Scheme for poor students for Higher Education

2245. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any existing scheme to assist poor students for higher education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan for the student's health care in the Educational Institutions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank')

(a) : Yes Sir, the Central Government is sensitive to the needs of poor students and is committed towards ensuring equity in access to higher education. The Government has passed One Hundred and Third Amendment in the Constitution of India regarding implementation of 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs) for admission in Central Education Institutions. Also, the fee in Government Universities and colleges for general courses is generally nominal and fee waiver is also extended to the poor students.

Apart from that, the facility of education loan as well as interest subsidy on educational loan is also available to students and a good number of Nationalized Banks extend this facility to needy students. Further, in accordance with the national policy, number of schemes being implemented to ensure that access to higher education in India percolates effectively to the weaker and marginalized sections of society thereby facilitating the entry of the underprivileged in the mainstream of civic-public life through education.

(b) List of schemes administered by Government of India for the poor students is at Annexure I.

(c) and (d): All Central Universities have a health care centre and supporting staffs have been sanctioned for health care centre. In addition, all the HEIs have been advised to create the Students Counseling Centers in their university and its affiliated colleges where the services of a trained psychologist shall be used as and when required. Guidelines on Safety of Students on and off Campuses of HEIs framed by UGC have been issued to all HEIs.

ANNEXURE - I

Annexure referred to in Part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2245 for 08.03.2021 asked by Hon'ble MP Shri E.T. Mohammed Basheer regarding Scheme for poor students for Higher Education

S.No.	Name of the Scheme
1	Central Sector Scholarship Scheme for College and University Students(CSSS)
2	Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir
3	Post Graduate Merit. Scholarship Scheme for University Rank Holders at Under Graduate Level
4	Post Graduate Scholarship for M.E./M.TECH./M.PHARMA. to GATE/GPAT Qualified Candidates
5	Post Graduate Scholarship for Professional Courses for SC/ST candidates
6	Post Graduate Scholarship for Single girl Child
7	“Ishan Uday” Special Scholarship Scheme for North Eastern Region
8	Post Graduate Scholarship Scheme
9	Remedial Coaching for SC/ST/OBC (Non- Creamy Layer) & Minority Community Students
10	Coaching Classes for Entry into Services for SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) & Minority Community Students
11	Pre-Matric Scholarship to OBC for studies in India
12	Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC Students Dr. Ambedkar Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship for DNTs
13	Dr. Ambedkar Post-Matric Scholarship for EBCs
14	National Fellowship for OBC Students (NF-OBC)
15	Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme For ST Students
16	Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme For ST Student
17	Top Class Education For ST Students
18	National Fellowship for ST Students
