

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1419  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.02.2019**

**PMS FOR SC AND OBC STUDENTS**

**1419. SHRI P.K. BIJU:**

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

- (a) the details of Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Caste and Other Backward Class students;
- (b) the details of students who applied for the scholarship but despite being eligible could not get the same during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is conducting any inquiry into alleged multi-crore scam in Post Matric Scholarships for such students;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken by the Government to check frauds in the scholarship scheme, if any?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT**

**(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)**

(a): Post Matric Scholarship Schemes for Scheduled Caste and Other Backward Class students are Centrally Sponsored Schemes which are implemented by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The objective of these Schemes is to promote higher education by providing financial support to eligible SC/OBC students studying in recognized institutions at Post Matric levels. The scholarships are awarded to the students by the State Governments/UT Administrations to which the applicant belongs.

(b): The Schemes provide for scholarships for all the eligible students whose Parental/Guardian's income does not exceed Rs. 2.5 lakh per annum in case of SC students and Rs. 1.5 lakh per annum in case of OBC students. As per the Schemes' guidelines, Central Assistance is released to States/UTs who after adding their share of funds, disburse the scholarship to eligible students. The detailed records of students who applied for scholarship are maintained by the concerned State Government/UT Administration. The State-wise total number of beneficiaries under the scheme during the last three years is at Annexure-I & II for SCs and OBCs respectively.

(c) to (e): As the Schemes are Centrally sponsored, these are being implemented by the States/UTs. As and when any complaints are received, same are forwarded to the States/UTs for further action. No investigation of any multi-crore scam is being conducted by the Government. However in order to make the Scheme more effective for the welfare of the target population, a performance audit of 5 States has been undertaken through the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India. The Report has been laid in the Parliament in August 2018 by CAG.

The Scheme for Post Matric Scholarships for SC students has been revised in April 2018 and provisions have been incorporated to make the system more transparent and effective. These include, inter-alia, payment of scholarship directly to the Bank/Post Office accounts of the beneficiaries, checks to reduce drop-outs, minimum attendance criteria, income certificates to be issued by Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar, online processing of applications etc.

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Annexure referred in part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1419 for 12.02.2019

State Wise Beneficiaries covered under Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students during last three years

(in lakhs)

Sl.No.	States/UTs	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1	Andhra Pradesh	6.00	6.85	6.59
2	Assam	0.40	0.38	0.24
3	Bihar	1.55	0.37	0.89
4	Chandigarh	0.03	0.03	0.02
5	Chhattisgarh	0.86	0.91	0.96
6	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Delhi	0.27	0.21	0.20
8	Goa	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	Gujarat	1.59	1.67	1.31
10	Haryana	0.76	0.94	1.23
11	Himachal Pradesh	0.49	0.55	0.33
12	Jammu & Kashmir	0.12	0.04	0.11
13	Jharkhand	0.34	0.22	0.20
14	Karnataka	3.18	2.97	3.23
15	Kerala	1.21	1.31	1.32
16	Madhya Pradesh	2.88	3.24	3.61
17	Maharashtra	5.24	4.05	5.41
18	Manipur	0.04	0.07	0.07
19	Meghalaya	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	Odisha	1.79	1.07	2.02
21	Puducherry	0.05	0.05	0.06
22	Punjab	3.06	3.09	2.75
23	Rajasthan	1.44	3.11	1.91
24	Sikkim	0.00	0.00	0.00
25	Tamil Nadu	7.58	7.96	7.61
26	Telangana	2.65	2.78	2.13
27	Tripura	0.17	0.15	0.15
28	Uttar Pradesh	9.48	10.95	12.38
29	Uttarakhand	0.20	0.40	0.70
30	West Bengal	5.41	6.08	3.83
	TOTAL	56.79	58.62	59.26

## Annexure-II

Annexure referred in part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1419 for 12.02.2019  
State Wise Beneficiaries covered under Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for OBC students during last three years

(in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State/UTs	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
1	Andhra Pradesh	6.22	7.34	8.64
2	Bihar	3.45	1.74	2.56
3	Chhattisgarh	0	0	2.85
4	Goa	0.03	0.03	0.06
5	Gujarat	2.43	0.93	1.59
6	Haryana	0.5	-	0.27
7	Himachal Pradesh	0.08	0.12	0.1
8	Jammu & Kashmir	0.13	0.09	0.07
9	Jharkhand	0.69	1.21	1.35
10	Karnataka	4.11	16.4	5.99
11	Kerala	1.52	1.66	1.55
12	Madhya Pradesh	2.25	0.9	0.13
13	Maharashtra	3.3	0.83	0.6
14	Odisha	1.64	1.58	1.8
15	Punjab	0.71	-	-
16	Rajasthan	0.53	0.46	0.67
17	Tamil Nadu	1.42	1.36	1.36
18	Telangana	6.94	-	-
19	Uttar Pradesh	6.01	2.09	6.1
20	Uttarakhand	0.11	0.04	0.14
21	West Bengal	2.08	2.33	3.06
22	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0	0	0.01
23	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	-
24	Daman & Diu	-	-	0.02
25	Chandigarh	0	0	0
26	Delhi	-	0	-
27	Puducherry	0.03	0.01	0.02
28	Assam	0	0.41	0.48
29	Manipur	0.05	0.09	0.1
30	Tripura	0.19	0.16	0.15
31	Sikkim	0.01	0.01	0.01
<b>Total</b>		<b>44.43</b>	<b>39.79</b>	<b>39.68</b>