

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO – 77**  
ANSWERED ON - 14/12/2022

**PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR BACKWARD CLASSES**

\*77. DR. JOHN BRITTAS

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

- (a) whether Government has decided to modify or limit pre-matric scholarships for students belonging to Backward Classes;
- (b) if so, details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of students covered by the scheme during last three years and the amount incurred, year-wise and State-wise, details thereof; and
- (d) the number of students proposed to be included in the scheme as per the new amendments of the scheme?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT**

**(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)**

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**Statement referred to in reply to the part (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 77 to be answered on 14.12.2022 regarding “Pre-Matric Scholarship for Backward Classes” asked by Dr. John Brittas**

(a) Yes, Sir. The pre matric scholarship has now been limited to Class IX and X in Government schools only under OBC category.

(b) This has been done in order to rationalise the scholarship as per the following :

- i. The Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009 makes it obligatory for the Government to provide free and compulsory elementary education (classes I to VIII) to each and every child. Accordingly only students studying in classes IX and X are covered under the pre- matric scholarship scheme for OBC.
- ii. The amount of scholarship has been increased and made uniform to day scholars and hostellers.

(c) The number of students covered by the Scheme till the last three years and the amount incurred, year-wise and State-wise, is given in **Annexure I**.

(d) Total of 5.67 crore students are likely to be benefitted under the Scheme during the period of five years over the XV Finance Commission Cycle.

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## State-wise details of achievements under the Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC Students during the last three years

| Amount and beneficiaries in lakh |                  |                 |                      |                 |                      |                 |                      |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| S.No.                            | States/ UTs      | 2019-20         |                      | 2020-21         |                      | 2021-22         |                      |
|                                  |                  | Funds Released  | No. of Beneficiaries | Funds Released  | No. of Beneficiaries | Funds Released  | No. of Beneficiaries |
| 1                                | Andhra Pradesh   | 841.00          | 0.11                 | 967.00          | \$                   | 199.50          | \$                   |
| 2                                | Bihar            | 1128.668        | 60.22                | 0.00            | 104.99               | 4000.00         | \$                   |
| 3                                | Chhattisgarh     | 0.00            | 0                    | 577.40          | 8.37                 | 104.50          | \$                   |
| 4                                | Goa              | 19.50           | 0.23                 | 34.51           | \$                   | 10.00           | 0.01                 |
| 5                                | Gujarat          | 800.00          | 1.03                 | 800.00          | 1.01                 | 800.00          | \$                   |
| 6                                | Haryana          | 190.00          | \$                   | 0.00            | \$                   | 0.00            | \$                   |
| 7                                | Himachal Pradesh | 0.00            | 0                    | 141.55          | 0.10                 | 30.00           | 0.1311               |
| 8                                | Jammu & Kashmir  | 150.32          | 0.35                 | 0.00            | 0.17                 | 80.00           | \$                   |
| 9                                | Jharkhand        | 955.85          | 0.34                 | 650.00          | 8.61                 | 2000.00         | 2.27                 |
| 10                               | Karnataka        | 1741.85         | 15.34                | 1384.84         | 11.25                | 2500.00         | 8.47603              |
| 11                               | Kerala           | 962.51          | 2.31                 | 756.82          | 2.40                 | 1800.00         | \$                   |
| 12                               | Madhya Pradesh   | 0.00            | 0                    | 0.00            | \$                   | 0.00            | \$                   |
| 13                               | Maharashtra      | 0.00            | 0                    | 0.00            | 5.97                 | 1508.08         | 5.30915              |
| 14                               | Odisha           | 717.00          | 1.21                 | 825.00          | 1.37                 | 788.99          | 0.58775              |
| 15                               | Punjab           | 775.26          | 2.21                 | 546.00          | 2.10                 | 114.50          | 2.17871              |
| 16                               | Rajasthan        | 1115.29         | 1.66                 | 1555.06         | 6.37                 | 2972.55         | \$                   |
| 17                               | Tamil Nadu       | 1896.00         | 1.11                 | 1633.275        | 1.61                 | 2694.715        | \$                   |
| 18                               | Telangana        | 0.00            | 0                    | 0.00            | 0.03                 | 0.00            | 1.00                 |
| 19                               | Uttar Pradesh    | 5590.35         | 3.27                 | 4081.00         | 6.99                 | 848.00          | 11.2119              |
| 20                               | Uttarakhand      | 0.00            | 0                    | 228.89          | 0.22                 | 50.00           | 0.09214              |
| 21                               | West Bengal      | 2592.15         | 4.28                 | 2069.20         | 4.22                 | 544.00          | 3.13                 |
| 22                               | Assam            | 0.00            | 0                    | 0.00            | 0.03                 | 81.648          | \$                   |
| 23                               | Manipur          | 0.00            | 0.03                 | 72.31           | 0.05                 | 124.756         | Nil                  |
| 24                               | Sikkim           | 7.31            | 0.01                 | 7.79            | 0.01                 | 7.720           | 0.00484              |
| 25                               | Tripura          | 350.00          | 0.66                 | 215.275         | 0.24                 | 214.94          | \$                   |
| 26                               | A & N Island     | 15.06           | 0                    | 26.05           | \$                   | 10.50           | \$                   |
| 27                               | Chandigarh       | 10.00           | 0.01                 | 8.15            | \$                   | 14.50           | \$                   |
| 28                               | D & N Haveli     | 0.795           | 0                    |                 | \$                   | 33.00           | Nil                  |
| 29                               | Daman & Diu      | 74.145          | 0                    | 8.25            | \$                   | 22.00           | Nil                  |
| 30                               | Delhi            | 183.00          | 0.11                 | 0.00            | 0.07                 | 223.75          | 0.03                 |
| 31                               | Puducherry       | 41.25           | 0.03                 | 3.00            | 0.03                 | 51.25           | \$                   |
|                                  | <b>Total:</b>    | <b>20157.31</b> | <b>94.52</b>         | <b>16591.37</b> | <b>166.200</b>       | <b>21828.90</b> | <b>34.43</b>         |

\$ Not reported by Implementing Agencies

Note: (i) The beneficiaries includes the students from class I to VIII also as the new scheme is being implemented w.e.f. 2022-23.

(ii) The number of beneficiaries shown against a particular year may also include beneficiaries of previous year reported together during the subsequent year.

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