

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

(d) Does not arise.

### Financial assistance to BCs for higher education

†4901. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing any financial assistance for higher education to the backward classes through National Backward Class Finance and Development Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons benefited during the last three years along with the amount provided, State-wise and year-wise;

(d) the details of the criteria being adopted for selecting the persons for providing this kind of assistance; and

(e) the number of applications received in this regard during last year, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGDEESAN): (a) to (e) The Government is providing loans for pursuing general professional/technical education at graduate and post graduate level. OBC students from families living below double the poverty line are eligible to apply to the respective State Channelising Agencies (SCAs). NBCFDC does not invite applications directly. A statement regarding the number of persons benefited during the last three years along with the amount provided State-wise is annexed.

### Statement

#### *Details of Assistance provided by States under NBCFDC Education Loan Scheme (from 2002-03 to 2004-05)*

Name of States/UT	Year 2002-03		Year 2003-04		Year 2004-05	
	Fin.	Physical	Fin.	Physical	Fin.	Physical
	(Rs./Lacs)	(Nos.)	(Rs./Lacs)	(Nos.)	(Rs./Lacs)	(Nos.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Andhra Pradesh	422.865	581	334.571	452	299.536	1120
Bihar	0.000	0	0.000	0	6.302	10
Goa	4.297	9	1.415	0	0.087	0

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Gujarat	3.810	4	0.500	1	0.000	0
Kerala	92.742	314	17.724	229	148.398	270
Madhya Pradesh	0.000	0	0.000	0	1.000	1
Maharashtra	62.930	231	75.420	302	140.280	486
Pondicherry (U.T.)	13.301	45	29.363	93	22.370	86
Sikkim	0.000	0	0.000	0	1.500	1
Tamil Nadu	0.000	0	0.0 00	0	0.000	0
Uttar Pradesh	5.250	7	0.000	0	0.000	0
West Bengal	2.345	5	3.200	4	7.651	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>607.540</b>	<b>1196</b>	<b>462.193</b>	<b>1081</b>	<b>627.124</b>	<b>1987</b>

### Scholarships to SC/ST and OBC Students

4902. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the scholarships, schemes available to the students indicating the schemes for SCs/STs and OBCs, separately;

(b) when the rates of scholarships were last fixed for each scheme; and

(c) whether Government would review the scholarship amount periodically by linking it with the price index?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):

(a) Government has been implementing scholarship schemes for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes:

- (i) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes
- (ii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Tribes
- (iii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes
- (iv) National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Castes candidates
- (v) National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe candidates
- (vi) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship to the Children of those Engaged in Unclean Occupations like children of flayers, tanners and scavengers,
- (vii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes.