

अनुसूचित जातियों / अनुसूचित आदिवासियों, अनुसूचित खानाबदोश और अर्ध-खानाबदोश आदिवासी आदि विद्यार्थियों को सरकार प्रत्येक वर्ष 9 यात्रा अनुदान भी देती है। विद्यार्थियों की कुल संख्या, जिसने पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान यात्रा अनुदान से लाभ उठाया है, 4 है।

इसके अतिरिक्त आंशिक वित्तीय सहायता योजना के अन्तर्गत यात्रा लागत वहन करने के लिये उन विद्यार्थियों को ऋण दिया जाता है जिन्होंने स्वयं ही दाखिला प्राप्त किया है। जरूरतमंद तथा योग्य विद्यार्थियों को यात्रा लागत वहन करने के लिये तत्काल अनुदान भी दिये जाते हैं। विद्यार्थियों की कुल संख्या, जिसको पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान ऐसे अनुदान दिये गये हैं 217 है (150 को यात्रा ऋण और 67 को यात्रा अनुदान)। इन अनुदान पाने वालों में कितने अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित आदिवासियों से सम्बन्धित हैं, इसकी सूचना उपलब्ध नहीं है।

†[THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI SIDDHARTHA SHANKAR RAY) : (a) and (b) A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT

The words "assistance given by the Ministry" are understood to mean the financial assistance given in the form of scholarships and grants by the Ministry of Education and Youth Services to the students for study abroad. During the last three years, the only scheme which the Government of India has operated for Indian students for study abroad is the Overseas Scholarships for Scheduled Castes Scheduled Tribes, Denotified, Nomadic and Seminomadic Tribes. Under this scheme, 10 scholarships are awarded every year. The total number of candidates sent during the last three years is 23. The names of the subjects as well as the names of the countries to which they have been sent are as below :

Name of Subject	No. of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates sent to			
	U.S.A.	U.K.	Canada	Total
Electrical Engineering	1	1
Mechanical Engineering	2	1	..	3
Civil Engineering	5	1	..	6
Physics	1	1	..	2
Surgery	..	4	..	4
Agriculture	2	1	..	3
Mining and Metallurgy	1	1
Architecture	1	1
Personnel Management	..	1	..	1
Medicine	..	1	..	1
	13	10	..	23

The Government also gives 9 passage grants each year to candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes etc. The total number of candidates, who have availed of passage grants during the last three years is 4.

Besides this, under the Partial Financial Assistance Scheme, loans are granted to students, who have secured admission on their own, to meet the passage cost. For needy and deserving students outright grants are also given to meet the passage cost. The total number of candidates, who have been given such grants, during the last three years, is 217 (150 with passage loans and 67 with passage grants). Information as to whether any of these grantees belonged to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes etc. is not available.

75. [Transferred to the 1st April, 1971] ✓

INCREASE IN NON-PLAN EXPENDITURE

76. SHRI S. KUMARAN :
SHRI KALYAN ROY :
SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there had been an increase in the non-Plan expenditure of the Centre during the last five years ;

(b) if so, the actual increase registered during the last five years and the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to cut down the non-Plan expenditure ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) Between 1966-67 and 1970-71, the non-Plan expenditure of the Centre has increased by about Rs. 981 crores. Major part of the increase is towards meeting obligatory charges such as debt servicing (Rs. 140 crores) and for other essential services like Defence (Rs. 274 crores), assistance to States (Loans and Grants Rs. 377 crores) and developmental expenditure outside the Plan (Rs. 106 crores). The latter includes committed expenditure on schemes completed in the earlier Plans.

(c) and (d) Government have been giving continuous attention to the question of containing the growth of non-Plan expenditure. Several economy measures have been taken during the last few years such as intensification of staffing studies by Staff Inspection Unit of this Ministry, ban on upward revision of pay scales, economy in the travelling allowance expenditure and partial ban on recruitment to Class III and IV posts.

ELECTION TO BOARDS OF COMPANIES

77. **SHRI R. P. KHAITAN** : Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the proposal for introducing the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote in the matter of election of directors to the Boards of companies ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. V. RAGHUNATHA REDDY) : (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

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CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

REPORTED ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP THE CALCUTTA DELHI RAJDHANI EXPRESS ON MARCH 26, 1971

SHRI K. P. MALLIKARJUNUDU (Andhra Pradesh) : Sir, I beg to call the attention of the Minister of Railways to the reported attempt to blow up the Calcutta-Delhi Rajdhani Express on the night of March 26, 1971, when the train was running between Pradhan Khanta and Dhanbad stations on the Eastern Railway.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA) : Sir, at about 20.00 hrs., on 26.3.1971, while No. 101 Rajdhani Express from Howrah to New Delhi, was on the run between Pradhankhunta and Dhanbad Stations of the Eastern Railway, there was an explosion on the track at Km. 267. The explosion occurred in front of the engine on the track, as a result of which both the window glass panes of the engine were shattered due to throwing up of ballast. The ballast also caused dents on the metal portion of the front part of the engine. The Permanent Way Inspector, Panagarh, who was travelling on the foot-plate of the engine and the Driver of the engine received minor injuries. The train was thoroughly checked at Dhanbad where it was detained for about 40 minutes. The Permanent Way staff, Dhanbad, proceeded to the site of the accident immediately along with R. P. F. and G. R. P. officials. The track was certified fit at about 23.00 hrs.

On search of the track, 68 metres of wire connecting the uptrack was found, which probably caused the explosion. The G. R. P. arrested two young men at a tea shop about a Km. away from Dhanbad Station and recovered from their possession one dagger and two bombs. Investigation so far reveals that there were two other accomplices who have not yet been traced.

Police investigation in this case is continuing. Security arrangements have been tightened.