

Scholarship for SC candidates for higher studies abroad

1726. SHRI TARUN VIJAY : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of SC candidates selected for scholarship abroad for higher studies in year 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15, the details thereof, State-wise and gender-wise; and

(b) whether there is any complaints of any anomalies in the issuance of ads, giving information and selection process, if so, details and their resolutions provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA) : (a) The details of the number of Scheduled Caste candidates selected for scholarship abroad for higher studies is as under:

Year	Number of Candidates selected
2012-13	23
2013-14	39
2014-15	Selection under process

The details of state-wise and gender-wise selection is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) No specific complaints about any anomalies in the issuance of ads, giving information and selection process for the award of National Overseas Scholarship for SC students were received in the Ministry.

Statement***State-wise details***

State	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Himachal Pradesh	02	01	Selection under process
Tamil Nadu	02	01	
Madhya Pradesh	04	02	
Manipur	01	01	
Kerala	01	00	
Delhi	02	02	
Rajasthan	02	01	

State	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Haryana	02	01	
Maharashtra	02	19	
West Bengal	01	02	
Uttar Pradesh	02	03	
Punjab	01	01	
Karnataka	00	02	
Andhra Pradesh	01	01	
Odisha	00	02	
TOTAL	23	39	

Gender-wise Details

Year	Male	Female	Total
2012-13	14	09	23
2013-14	33	06	39
2014-15	Selection under process		

Indian sign language research and training centre

1727. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government had decided to set up an Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) for deaf students, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the reasons for delay in setting up of ISLRTC; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government for early setting up of ISLRTC for the benefit of deaf students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHAN PAL) : (a) and (b) Yes, Madam. The Ministry had approved establishment of Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC), initially on project basis for a period of 5 years, as an autonomous centre of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi in July, 2011. However,