

Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides funds to the State Governments for implementation of schemes administered by this Ministry for the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes.

(d) The information is being collected from the State Governments and will be laid on the Table of the House.

### Scholarships under National Overseas Scholarship Scheme

†753. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated under the National Overseas Scholarship Scheme to ST students during the last three years and the number of applications received for this;

(b) the details of eligibility criteria and age limit prescribed under this scheme;

(c) the subjects/courses that could be taken up for scholarship and the time period of study prescribed along with the financial assistance; and

(d) whether there has been an increase in the number of students receiving such scholarships during the last few years and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ARJUN MUNDA): (a) The allocation of funds under the scheme of National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme for Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidates and number of applications eligible received for the last three years are as follows:—

Year	Fund Allocated		No. of eligible applications received for NOS award
	Budget Estimates (BE) (₹ in crores)	Revised Estimates (RE) (₹ in crores)	
2016-17	1.00	0.39	43
2017-18	1.00	1.00	96
2018-19	2.00	2.00	124

(b) The eligibility criteria and age limit prescribed under the Scheme of National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe candidates is as under:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

**Minimum Qualifications**

- (i) For Post Doctoral: 55% marks or equivalent grade in relevant Master's Degree and Ph.D. Experience: 5 years - Research/Teaching/Professional in the concerned field is desirable. Candidates with experience would be given preference.
- (ii) For Ph.D.: 55% marks or equivalent grade in relevant Master's Degree. Experience: 2 years - Teaching/Research/Professional/M. Phil Degree in the concerned field is desirable. Candidates with experience would be given preference.
- (ii) For Masters' Degree: 55% marks or equivalent grade in relevant Bachelor's Degree. Experience: 2 years' work experience in the concerned field is desirable. Candidates with experience would be given preference.

**Age Limit:** Below 35 years, as on first day of July of the relevant year of the award.

(c) The scheme provides financial assistance to ST students selected for pursuing higher studies abroad in certain subjects at the Masters level, and for Ph. D. and Post-Doctoral research programmes. A list indicating subjects/courses of study which will qualify for consideration for award of scholarship is given in the Statement (*See below*). The prescribed financial assistance shall be provided till completion of the course/ research or the following period, whichever is earlier:—

- (i) Post-Doctoral Research - 1½ years (One and a half year)
- (ii) Ph.D. - 4 years (four years)
- (iii) Master's Degree - 1/2/3 years (one/two/three years) depending upon the duration of the course. The extension of stay beyond prescribed period for levels of courses as mentioned above, may be considered without financial assistance of any kind except the air passage to return to India, if and only if recommendation of the competent concerned authority in the educational institution/university as well as the Indian Mission abroad is received certifying that such an overstay for a specified period, is absolutely essential for facilitating the candidate to complete the course. The final decision in this regard will, however, rest with the Government of India alone.

(d) There has been an increase in the number of students who are receiving scholarship under the NOS scheme for the last few years as per details given below:—

Year	No. of ST students joined universities abroad
2016-17	02
2017-18	12
2018-19	16

**Statement**

*Illustrative list of identified subject/disciplines under the scheme of National Overseas Scholarship for ST students*

Sl. No.	Name of the field of study	Subjects included in the field of study
1	2	3
1.	Engineering and Medicine	1. Bio-technology/Genetic Engineering 2. Industrial Environmental Engineering 3. Nano-Technology 4. Marine Engineering 5. Petro-Chemical Engineering 6. Plastic Technology 7. Cryogenic Engineering 8. Mechatronics 9. Automation Robotics in including Artificial Intelligence 10. Laser Technology 11. Radiology 12. Low Temperature Thermal Dynamics 13. Dock and Harbor Engineering 14. Imaging System Technology

1	2	3
		<p>15. Composite Materials Engineering including Decentralized Power Distribution (for solar Heat) system, Energy Storage Engineering, Energy Conservation, Energy Efficient Habitat Engineering</p> <p>16. Packaging Engineering/Technology</p> <p>17. Nuclear Engineering</p> <p>18. Information Technology including Computer Engineering, Software, Software Quality Assurance, Networking/Connectivity Engineering, Communication System under Hazardous or Post disaster conditions, Multi-media Communication</p> <p>20. Industrial Safety Engineering</p> <p>21. Neurology</p> <p>22. Pediatrics</p> <p>23. Psychiatry</p> <p>24. Reproductive health</p> <p>25. Oncology</p> <p>26. Nuclear Medicine</p>
2.	<b>Agriculture/Allied field</b>	<p>1. Agriculture and Agro Technology</p> <p>2. Agronomy</p> <p>3. Forestry</p> <p>4. Floriculture and Landscaping</p> <p>5. Food Sciences and Technology</p> <p>6. Forestry and Natural Resources</p>

1	2	3
		7. Horticulture
		8. Plant Pathology
		9. Farm Power and Machinery
		10. Veterinary Sciences
		11. Soils and Water Management
		12. Plant Breeding and Genetics
		13. Small-scale Rural Technology
3.	<b>Humanities and Social Science</b>	1. Economics
		2. Anthropology
		3. Sociology
		4. Journalism and Mass Communication
4.	<b>Pure Science/Applied Science</b>	1. Ocean and Atmospheric Science
		2. Mathematics
		3. Molecular Biology
		4. Physics
		5. Chemistry
5.	<b>Finance/Management</b>	1. Corporate Finance
		2. Development Finance
		3. Business management

*Note:* The list of course as per above table is only illustrative and not exhaustive.

#### **Welfare scheme for PVTGs**

†754. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is implementing a scheme named Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) for the welfare of PVTGs; and

(b) if so, the details and the features thereof?

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