

Improving social condition of poor people in the country

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SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

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

- (a) the measurement taken by Government to improve the social condition of the poor people in the country;
- (b) the steps taken to protect the rights of the socially and economically weaker sections of the country along with assistance provided to the needy persons and the mechanism put in place to check whether the help and assistance provided by Government is reaching upto the needy persons; and
- (c) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHAN PAL): (a) to (c) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing the following schemes for welfare of Economically Backward Classes/ Economically Weaker Sections:

- (i) Provision for 10% reservation to the Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs) in civil posts and services in the Government of India and admission to Central Government Educational Institutions was implemented by the Government in January, 2019.
- (ii) Dr. Ambedkar Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarships for the Economically Backward Class (EBC) Students.
- (iii) Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs).
- (iv) Assistance for Skill Development of OBCs/DNTs/EBCs. Details about the three Schemes are given in the Statement-I (*See below*).

State-wise funds allocation is made only under Dr. Ambedkar Centrally Sponsored

Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarships for the Economically Backward Class (EBC) Students. Details are given in the Statement-II.

Statement-I

Details of the Schemes for the welfare of EBCs

- I. **Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for the Students belonging to the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) :** The objective of the scheme is to award interest subsidy to meritorious OBC and EBC students so as to provide them better opportunities for higher education abroad and enhance their employability. To be eligible under the scheme, a student should come under the income ceiling as per extant Creamy Layer criteria for OBCs and for EBCs it is ₹ 2.50 lakh per annum. 50% of the outlay every year is earmarked for Girl students. The students should have secured admission in the approved courses at Masters, M.Phil or Ph.D levels abroad. He/She should have availed loan from a scheduled bank under the Education Loan Scheme of the Indian Banks Association (IBA) for the purpose. Under the scheme, interest payable by the students availing the education loans of the IBA for the period of moratorium (*i.e.* course period, plus one year or six months after getting job, whichever is earlier) as prescribed under the Education Loan Scheme of the IBA, shall be borne by the Government of India.
- II. **Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for students belonging to Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) :** This is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme being implemented through the State Government and Union Territories w.e.f. 2014-15. The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the EBC students studying at post-matriculation or post-secondary stage. The income ceiling of parents/guardians for eligibility is ₹ 1.00 lakh per annum (including self-income, if employed). The Scheme is a "Funds-Limited" Scheme. The funds will be released to the States on first-come first-served basis, subject to a maximum amount to be worked out every year based on total budget made available that year, under the scheme.
- III. **Assistance for Skill Development of OBCs/DNTs/EBCs :** The aim of the scheme is to involve the voluntary sector and National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) to improve educational and socio-economic conditions of the target group *i.e.* OBCs/DNTs/EBCs, with a view to upgrade their

skill to enable them to start income generating activities on their own or get gainfully employed in some sector or the other. The Government of India meets 90% of the approved expenditure of the training programme. The scheme has been revised in 2017-18 with focus on skill development. Moreover, the scheme has been made completely online from 2014-15.

The details of budget allocation and expenditure under the schemes for welfare of Economically Backward Classes/ Economically Weaker Section during the last three years and the current year:

(amount in crore)									
Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20 (Exp. as on 27.2.2020)	
		BE/RE	Exp.	BE/RE	Exp.	BE/RE	Exp.	BE/RE	Exp.
1.	Dr. Ambedkar Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarships for the Economically Backward Class (EBC) Students	10.00/ 15.12	15.12	10.00/ 10.00	10.00	103.00/ 23.00	23.00	23.00/ 13.00	13.99
2.	Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loan for Overseas Studies for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs).	2.00/ 3.00	2.90	4.30/ 4.30	19.87	10.00/ 10.00	10.00	15.00/ 26.09	15.00
3.	Assistance for Skill Development of OBCs/DNTs/ EBCs	4.00/ 9.00	8.99	10.00/ 10.00	15.00	30.00/ 30.00	40.00	30.00/ 34.00	15.00

Statement-II

State-wise funds disbursed and coverage of beneficiaries of the scheme of Dr. Ambedkar Post-matric Scholarship for Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) students (scheme launched in 2014-15) during the years 2017-18 to 2019-20 (up to 07.01.2020)

(Figures: Funds - ₹ in Lakh and Beneficiaries in Thousands)

Sl. No.	States/ UTs	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
		Funds Released	No. of Beneficiaries	Funds Released	No. of Beneficiaries	Funds Released	No. of Beneficiaries
1.	Andhra Pradesh	154.05	\$	0.00			\$
2.	Bihar	0.00	\$	0.00			
3.	Gujarat	200.00	4.82	1306.45			
4.	Himachal Pradesh	300.00	8.83	200.00	3.19		
5.	Jammu and Kashmir	0.00	\$	244.45			
6.	Kerala	0.00	\$	0.00			
7.	Odisha	25.95	\$	0.00	0.92	430.42	
8.	Rajasthan	0.00	\$	0.00			
9.	Uttarakhand	0.00	\$	118.80			
10.	Manipur	200.00	\$	0.00			
11.	Sikkim	200.00	0.97	230.30	1.66	393.55	
12.	Tripura	0.00	\$	0.00	0.82		
13.	Chandigarh	20.00	\$	0.00	0.12		
14.	Goa	0.00	0.00	200.00			
TOTAL		1100.00	14.62	2300.00	6.72	823.97	

\$ awaited from State Govt./UT Administration