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CHANGES IN POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR SC STUDENTS

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

- (a) whether Government has announced major changes in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) 'Post Matric Scholarship to students belonging to Scheduled Castes (PMS-SC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this will help in the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) for students from SC community to reach the national standards in the higher education sector within the five year period; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) & (b) The Union Cabinet has recently approved the revision and continuation of the scheme from the year 2020-21 to 2025-26 which includes, inter-alia, revision of funding pattern to a sharing ratio of 60:40 between the Centre and States (90:10 in case of NE States), focus on poorest households for enrolment under the scheme and development of robust IT framework for implementation of the scheme.

(c) & (d) Yes Sir, with the revision of the scheme, it is the endeavour of the Government to raise the GER of SCs in higher education to the National Average in the next five years. To encourage SC students to enrol and continue their education, the following provisions have been made in the scheme:-

- (i) Priority to the poorest SC households for coverage under the scheme.
- (ii) Efforts to increase awareness regarding the scheme and to encourage dropped-out students to enrol.
- (iii) Focus on the quality of the institutions.
- (iv) Payment of entire scholarship amount into the account of the students only through DBT mode ensuring continuous monitoring and total transparency.
- (v) Development of a robust IT robust framework for, inter alia, tracking the progress of the beneficiaries in the system and ensuring timely delivery and comprehensive accountability.
