

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON - 03/02/2021

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES FOR SC STUDENTS

22. SHRI BRIJLAL

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

- (a) the number of schemes being run by Government for granting scholarship to the students from Scheduled Caste category to study abroad, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of students from Scheduled Caste category sent abroad for studying during last five years; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated for such schemes, during the last five years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI THAAWARCHAND GEHLOT)

- (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the table of the House as per **Annexure**.

Statement in answer to parts (a) to (c) of the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 22 for 3.2.2021 by SHRI BRIJLAL regarding Scholarship Schemes for SC Students.

(a) The Department of Social Justice & Empowerment is implementing the National Overseas Scholarship for Scheduled Caste etc. candidates to enable them to study abroad. Under the scheme financial assistance is provided to the selected students from Scheduled Castes, De-notified Nomadic & Semi - Nomadic Tribes, landless agricultural labourers and traditional artisan categories for pursuing higher studies at Masters and Ph.D level courses abroad. From 2014-15, a total of 100 slots per year are available under the Scheme as against 60 slots available earlier. The Scheme provides for payment of tuition fees charged by the institutions as per actuals, maintenance allowance, air passage, visa fee, insurance premium, annual contingency allowance and incidental journey allowance.

(b) and (c) The details of the number of Scheduled Caste candidates who went abroad for studying under the scheme and funds allocated during the last five years is as under:

Year	Number of candidates selected	Number of candidates who went abroad in the Financial Year	Funds Allocated (Budget Estimate) (Rs. in Crore)
2015-16	50	19	6.12
2016-17	108*	23	15.00
2017-18	183*	32	15.00
2018-19	100	56	15.00
2019-20	100	63	20.00

* Vacant slots of previous year were carried over.
