

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
RAJYA SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 306
TO BE ANSWER ON 03.02.2021

Scholarship for differently-abled students

306. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA:

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

- (a) the number of differently-abled students who have been covered under various scholarship schemes during the last three years by Government, State-wise and year-wise details thereof;
- (b) the State-wise number of differently-abled students in the country;
- (c) whether Government is satisfied with the coverage of differently-abled students under the said schemes; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken and yet to be taken to provide scholarships to all differently-abled students ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)

(a) Under the Scholarship Schemes for Students with Disabilities, students with benchmark disability (disability of 40% or more) are eligible for scholarship. State-wise and year-wise number of differently-abled students who have been covered under various scholarship schemes during the last three years is at **Annexure.**

(b) The Ministry does not compile information relating to Students with Disabilities. However, as per Census 2011, there are 2.68 crores Persons with Disabilities in the country.

(c) & (d) The number of Students with Disabilities getting scholarship has increased from 306 during 2014-15 to 42972 during 2019-20. With a view to ensure better coverage of these schemes the Ministry has taken the following measures:-

(i) Until 2017-18, these six scholarship schemes, viz, Pre-matric, Post-matric, Top Class Education, National Fellowship, National Overseas and Free Coaching were implemented as stand-alone schemes having separate budgets. From 1st April, 2018, all the six scholarship schemes have been merged into an Umbrella Scheme titled 'Scholarship for Students with Disabilities' and have been registered in PFMS portal with a unique code for direct benefit transfer. The merger/unification of the schemes with effect from 2018-19 has been done to remove the demand-supply imbalance caused by budget allocation and streamline the implementation process. In the umbrella scheme, if there is surplus fund available in one segment that can be utilized in the other segment.

(ii) The Department issues advertisements in leading Newspapers across the country to increase awareness of these schemes amongst students and other stakeholders. All the other types of media are also tapped for spreading awareness.

(iii) Under the revised scheme implemented with effect from 01.4.2018, the amount of Pre & Post Matric Scholarship has been increased. Also the number of slots in Pre- Matric scholarship has been increased from 20,000 to 25,000 and in case of Top Class Education Scholarship scheme from 160 to 300.

(iv) Under National Overseas Scholarship, the applications can be made throughout the year.

**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No 306 for answer
on 03.02.2021 regarding 'Scholarship for differently-abled students' raised by Shri Manas
Ranjan Bhunia**

State-wise number of Students with disabilities covered during last three years

S.No.	States/UTs	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR	4	0	0
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	233	217	628
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2	8	0
4	ASSAM	8	150	1089
5	BIHAR	410	1248	1771
6	CHANDIGARH	11	4	17
7	CHHATTISGARH	275	417	344
8	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	2	0	8
9	DAMAN & DIU	4	0	0
10	DELHI	395	338	476
11	GOA	3	0	11
12	GUJARAT	674	310	250
13	HARYANA	143	252	239
14	HIMACHAL PRADESH	144	94	142
15	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	400	229	206
16	LADAKH	-	-	-
17	JHARKHAND	53	665	286
18	KARNATAKA	1009	1686	1100
19	KERALA	2415	2873	3669
20	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0
21	MADHYA PRADESH	6422	5090	5429
22	MAHARASHTRA	93	863	1082
23	MANIPUR	30	0	12
24	MEGHALAYA	27	9	0
25	MIZORAM	35	2	26
26	NAGALAND	5	0	0
27	ODISHA	2307	2076	3341
28	PUDUCHERRY	22	33	79
29	PUNJAB	106	531	444
30	RAJASTHAN	725	1222	1567
31	Sikkim	13	3	7
32	TAMIL NADU	1260	1506	1181
33	TELANGANA	135	138	328
34	TRIPURA	192	81	159
35	UTTARAKHAND	1	37	391
36	UTTAR PRADESH	2756	5565	18205
37	WEST BENGAL	892	4722	485
Total		21206	30369	42972