

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2556
ANSWERED ON - 17/03/2021

FUNDING FOR POSTMATRIC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR SCs

2556 #. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI

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

- (a) whether Government has announced to give ₹35,219 crore as a Central share funding in the next 6 years for Post-Matric Scholarship to four crore Scheduled Caste students of the country;
- (b) whether the said provision should have been about six thousand crores, but only a provision of ₹3,415 crore has been made in the budget of 2021-22; and
- (c) if so, the justification behind reduction in the Post-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Caste?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

- (a) Cabinet has approved ₹ 35534.21 crore as a Central share funding in 6 years (2020-21 to 2025-2026) for Post-Matric Scholarship to about four crore Scheduled Caste students.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) During the FY 2021-22, it is envisaged that the Central Share of scholarships under the Scheme will be released directly into the account of students by the Ministry through the DBT mode. Based on the trend of expenditure, additional budget provision can be made at the Revised Estimate stage.
