

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2858**  
ANSWERED ON - 22/12/2021

**OBC POPULATION LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE**

2858. SHRI M.V. SHREYAMS KUMAR

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

- (a) whether Government has any data of people belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBC) living below poverty line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for their upliftment along with the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)

- (a) & (b) No Sir. No such survey /census of OBC people living below the poverty line has been conducted by the Government.
- (c) Details of the schemes being implemented by the Government for the upliftment of OBCs (including number of Beneficiaries and Total expenditure during the year 2019-20) are:
  - (i) Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBCs- 94.52 lakhs beneficiaries - Rs.201.57 cr. expenditure.
  - (ii) Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC students- 40.94 lakhs beneficiaries – Rs. 1294.32 cr. expenditure.
  - (iii) Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loan for Overseas Studies for OBCs/EBCs – 3296 beneficiaries – Rs.26.09 cr. expenditure.
  - (iv) National Fellowship for OBCs – 1193 beneficiaries- Rs. 52.50 cr. expenditure.
  - (v) Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls – 1750 beneficiaries – Rs.21.28 cr. expenditure.
  - (vi) Assistance for Skill Development of OBCs/DNTs/EBCs - .
  - (vii) Launch of Venture Capital Fund for OBCs.
  - (viii) Low Interest Loan/Finance Assistance Schemes of National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC) for OBCs.
  - (ix) For the EWS sections, 10% reservation in Central Government appointments and for admissions in the Central Government educational institutions.

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