

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO - 190
ANSWERED ON - 03/08/2022**

SCHOLARSHIP FOR EWS STUDENTS

190. # SHRI VIVEK THAKUR

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

- (a) Whether there is any proposal to launch a Post-matriculation Scholarship scheme for the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) General Category students, so as to enable them to pursue higher education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The action being taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)

- (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to the part (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 190 to be answered on 03.08.2022 regarding “Scholarship for EWS students” asked by Shri Vivek Thakur

(a) to (c) The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing an umbrella scheme namely PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India (PM – YASASVI) under which Post-Matric Scholarship is provided to the Economically Backward Category students. Also, from this year, the Department is implementing following sub-schemes under PM YASASVI for quality education of Economically Backward Category students:

(i) Top Class School for OBC, EBC and DNT students: This Scheme will cover OBC/EBC/DNT students for pursuing studies from Class IX to XII th in top reputed school shortlisted by the Central Government. The grants will be provided for tuition fee etc. as required by the school, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 75,000/- per annum per student of class 9 and 10 and Rs. 1,25,000/- per annum per student of class 11 and 12. The students will be selected based on merits in Computer based test namely “ YASASVI ENTRANCE TEST (YET)” to be conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA). State-wise slots have been allocated and target beneficiaries for 2022-23 have been kept 15,000.

(ii) Top Class College for OBC, EBC and DNT students: This scheme will cover OBC/EBC/DNT students for pursuing studies beyond class XIIth. The Scheme will operate in all the institutions notified by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for every financial year. All the IIMs / IITs/ IIITs / AIIMs/ NITs/NIFTs/ NIDs/ Indian Institutes of Hotel Management, National Law Universities and other Central Government Institutions will be eligible to be included in the Scheme. The students, who secured admission in the notified institutions, will be awarded scholarship to meet the requirements for full tuition fee and non-refundable charges up to a ceiling of Rs. 2.00 lakh per annum along with living expenses Rs.3000/-per month per student, books and stationery @ Rs. 5000/- per annum per student and one time assistance of Rs 45,000 for latest computer/laptop. Around 259 institutions have been shortlisted among which 15,000 slots will be distributed for year 2022-23.
