

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO – 1722
ANSWERED ON - 21/12/2022

SUBSIDY ON INTEREST ON EDUCATIONAL LOAN FOR OBC

1722 #. SHRI GHANSHYAM TIWARI

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

- (a) the detail of Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme related to subsidy on interest upon educational loan for overseas studies for Other Backward Classes (OBC) and eligibility criteria for it;
- (b) year-wise details of the subsidy provided by Government to the students registered from Rajasthan under the above scheme for the last five years;
- (c) whether Government of Rajasthan is running any scholarship scheme for the students belonging to OBC; and
- (d) if so, the detail of the number of OBC students registered for scholarship in the last three years and the number of students who have been given scholarship out of them?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

(a) Dr. Ambedkar Central Sector Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) is a sub-scheme of a umbrella scheme namely “Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS) (OBC & Others)”. This is a Central Sector Scheme to provide interest subsidy to the student belonging to the OBCs and EBCs on the interest payable for the period of moratorium for the Education Loans for overseas studies to pursue approved courses of studies abroad at Masters, M.Phil. and Ph.D. level.

The students should have secured admission in the approved courses at Masters, M.Phil or Ph.D levels abroad for the courses listed in the guidelines. For OBC candidates, total income from all sources of the employed candidate or his/her parents/guardians in case of unemployed candidate shall not exceed present Creamy Layer criteria. For EBC candidates, total income from all sources of the employed candidate or his/her parents/guardians in case of unemployed candidate shall not exceed Rs.5.00 lakh per annum.

(b) The year-wise detail in this regard is annexed at **Annexure-I**.

(c) & (d) The Government is implementing Pre and Post Matric Scholarship for OBC students, which implemented through the States/UTs. Under the scheme, number of students benefitted in Rajasthan during last three years is as under:

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Pre Matric Scholarship	1.66 lakh	6.37 lakh	Awaited
Post Matric Scholarship	0.55 lakh	0.37 lakh	0.77 lakh

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (b) of RSUSQ No. 1722 to be answered on 21.12.2022 regarding Subsidy on Interest on Educational Loan for OBC

Dr. Ambedkar CSIS Scheme		
RAJASTHAN STATE		
FY	Number of Students	Subsidy Claimed (in Rs.)
2017-2018	17	2,78,910
2018-2019	50	11,52,037
2019-2020	46	10,48,545
2020-2021	64	12,63,274
2021-2022	74	16,19,504
