GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 207

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PRADHAN MANTRI UCHCHATAR SHIKSHA PROTSAHAN YOJANA

207 # SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the features of the Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan Yojana;
- (b) the eligibility criteria for availing the benefit of the said scheme;
- (c) the number of students who have benefited from this scheme in the country so far; and
- (d) the details of number of students who have benefited under the scheme from Gujarat in the last two years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Education is implementing the Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsanhan (PM-USP) Yojana comprising of 3 components namely (i) Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students; (ii) Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh; and (iii) Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme and Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme for Education Loan. The main objective of the schemes is that the students from weaker sections of the society are not deprived of higher education because of their poor

economic background. Complete details along with eligibility criteria for availing the benefits are available at website https://www.education.gov.in/scholarships-education-loan-0.

- (c): Since 2021-22, nearly 2.17 lakh students have benefitted from the PM-USP CSSS, nearly 11,350 students have benefitted from the Pradhan Mantri Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and more than 2.60 lakh students have benefitted from the PM-USP CSIS scheme.
- (d): During the years 2022-23 and 2023-24, a total of 8,805 fresh students from Gujarat have received the PM-USP CSSS scholarships and a total of 6,416 fresh students have benefitted from the PM-USP CSIS.
