

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2104**  
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**SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS TO OBC, SC & ST STUDENTS TO PURSUE  
HIGHER EDUCATION**

2104 **Shri Masthan Rao Yadav Beedha:**

Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes and programs by Government that provide scholarships and fellowships for OBC, SC & ST students to pursue higher education;
- (b) the number of students who have benefitted from these scholarships and fellowships in the last three years, and the total amount of funds allocated for said purpose;
- (c) the criteria and process for selection of students; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to increase the availability of scholarships and fellowships and raise awareness about such opportunities among students?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

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(a) to (d): The Government is implementing different scholarship and fellowship schemes for providing financial assistance to all categories of students including Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Other Backward Classes (OBC). The details of these schemes including the criteria laid down for scholarship and fellowship are available in the following websites:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Ministry/ Department</b>	<b>Website links</b>
1.	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	The details are available at <a href="https://socialjustice.gov.in/scheme-cat">https://socialjustice.gov.in/scheme-cat</a>
2.	Ministry of Tribal Affairs	The details are available at <a href="https://tribal.nic.in/ScholarshiP.aspx">https://tribal.nic.in/ScholarshiP.aspx</a>
3.	Department of Higher Education	The details are available at <a href="https://www.education.gov.in/scholarships-education-loan-0">https://www.education.gov.in/scholarships-education-loan-0</a>

4.	University Grants Commission	The details are available at <a href="https://www.ugc.gov.in/Home/student_Corner">https://www.ugc.gov.in/Home/student_Corner</a>
5.	All India Council for Technical Education	The details are available at <a href="https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/rifd/Scholarship-Schemes">https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/rifd/Scholarship-Schemes</a>

Moreover, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides scholarships to all students belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, subject to their parental income ceiling. The number of students who have benefitted from these scholarships and fellowships in the last three years, and the total amount of funds allocated for said purpose may be accessed at [https://www.education.gov.in/parl\\_ques](https://www.education.gov.in/parl_ques).

To spread awareness among the students, the Ministry/ Departments disseminate information regarding the scholarships/ fellowship through print and social media among the stakeholders, including education departments and higher secondary boards of all States. Information useful for the students are also provided at dedicated students' section of the National Scholarship Portal.

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