

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -2190  
ANSWERED ON - 19/03/2025

**SCHOLARSHIP TO SC / OBC STUDENTS IN TAMIL NADU**

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

- (a) the details of specific scholarship schemes available for SC and OBC students in the country, with particular reference to Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the number of students benefited from these scholarships in the State of Tamil Nadu, during the last three years, and the amount disbursed, year-wise and district-wise;
- (c) whether Government has taken initiatives to enhance awareness and accessibility of these scholarships among eligible students; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) The details of scholarship schemes available for SC and OBC students, implemented by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment are as follows:

1. Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SCs & Others
2. Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SC Students
3. Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers for Scheduled Castes (SHREYAS-SCs): Under this Scheme, there are 4 components which are as follows:
  - i. Top Class Scholarship Scheme for SC students (TCS)
  - ii. Free Coaching Scheme for SC and OBC students (FCS)
  - iii. National Overseas Scholarship (NOS)
  - iv. National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste students (NFSC)
4. PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India for OBCs and Others (PM-YASASVI for OBCs and Others): Under this Scheme, there are 4 components, which are as follows:

- i. Pre-Matric Scholarships for OBC, EBC and DNT Students
- ii. Post- Matric Scholarships for OBC, EBC and DNT Students Studying in India
- iii. Top Class Education in Schools for OBC, EBC and DNT Students
- iv. Top Class Education in Colleges for OBC, EBC and DNT students

5. Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS for OBCs and Others): National Fellowship for OBC Students

6. Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA)

- i. Mode - 1, every year 3,000 meritorious SC students are selected through the National Entrance Test (NETS) conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) for admission in class 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in private residential schools affiliated by CBSE/State Boards. Financial assistance is provided till completion of their study upto class 12<sup>th</sup>
- ii. Mode - 2, financial assistance is provided to organisations for running the projects of Non-Residential schools, Residential schools and Hostels at Primary & secondary level for sc students.

(b) The details of students from Tamil Nadu who have benefited from these scholarships in the, during the last three years, and the amount disbursed, year-wise and district-wise are as follows:

Details in regard of Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SCs & Others; and Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SC Students is placed at Annexure-I.

Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to the beneficiaries under the scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship scheme for SCs and others started w.e.f. 2022-23. Thus, District-wise details of beneficiaries prior to introduction of DBT i.e. for 2021-22 is not maintained by the Department.

The umbrella Scheme of Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers for Scheduled Castes (SHREYAS-SCs), is a central sector scheme. Therefore, there is no State-wise/district-wise distribution under the Scheme.

As regards, PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India for OBCs and Others (PM-YASASVI for OBCs and Others) and; Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS for OBCs and Others)-National Fellowship for OBC Students, the details of number of students benefited from these scholarships in the State of Tamil Nadu, during last three years, and the amount disbursed, year-wise is at Annexure-II. District-wise data is not maintained under these Schemes.

As regards Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA), scholarship is not provided to SC students. However, in Mode-I, fee is reimbursed to private residential schools for admission of SC students in class 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> for completion of education till class 12<sup>th</sup>. Details of funds released during the last three years in the State of Tamil Nadu is at Annexure-III.

(c) & (d) Following steps are being taken to enhance awareness and accessibility to these scholarships among eligible students.

(I) For Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SCs & Others; and Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SC Students

i. Regular capacity building and Handholding/cluster/regional meetings and/or workshops for all States/UTs are conducted to review the progress of the States as well as to resolve any pending issues.

ii. Advertisement to promote outreach and increase awareness:

- Scheme snippets are being uploaded on social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram).
- Classified advertisements are being published in National and regional newspapers in Hindi, English and regional languages.

iii. Field visits: Officials dealing with Post-Matric Scholarships scheme for SC Students visit various institutes in the States to understand their concerns.

iv. Monthly review of Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SC Students: This Department monitors and reviews the progress of the implementation of the Schemes on monthly basis State wise.

(II) For Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers for Scheduled Castes (SHREYAS-SCs):-

i. Twitter & Facebook Campaigns

ii. Newspaper Advertisements in both National and Regional Newspapers all over India

iii. The details of the Scheme are available on the website of the Department. Apart from this the features of the Scheme are also broadcasted through radio channels of All India Radio in the programme 'Sawarati Jaye Jeewan ki Rahen'.

iv. Letters have been written to Principal Secretaries of States/UTS to disseminate information regarding these Schemes in their States/UTS.

(III) For PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India for OBCs and Others (PM-YASASVI for OBCs and Others) and; Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme (SHREYAS for OBCs and Others)-National Fellowship for OBC Students

i. Regular Hand holding meetings/workshops for National Scholarship Portal (NSP) on boarded States/UT

ii. Online end to end processing, verification of eligibility credentials through online transaction to ensure greater transparency, control duplicity and wrongful claims by institutions; and

iii. Central share being released directly into the Aadhaar - seeded bank account of the students through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in case of Central Sector Schemes.

iv. For the successful implementation of the schemes, steps like mandatory annual inspection by the Department, mandatory submission of utilization Certificate and periodic review by holding meeting at National level, Regional level and State level and field visits by senior officers.

v. A Project Monitoring Unit (PMU) has also been set up in the Department.

vi. The Department also undertakes periodic review of the implementation of the scheme through third party evaluation studies, the studies have found that these schemes are achieving desired objectives and have recommended their continuation.

vi. Further, to ensure timely release, the system of State Nodal Agency (SNA) and Central Nodal Agency (CNA) have been adopted which ensure release of scholarship/fellowship to scholars.

Statement referred to part (b) of reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2190 for answer on 19.03.2025

**FY2021-22: Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SCs & Others**

|              | No. of beneficiaries | Central Share Amount Paid |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Total</b> | <b>3238399</b>       | <b>570.18</b>             |

**FY2021-22: Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SC Students**

| District name              | No. of Beneficiaries | Central Share Amount Paid |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| ARIYALUR                   | 6,842                | 3,77,24,490               |
| CHENNAI                    | 30,277               | 12,89,72,846              |
| COIMBATORE                 | 17,996               | 18,70,66,720              |
| CUDDALORE                  | 29,683               | 16,89,46,551              |
| DHARMAPURI                 | 10,379               | 6,71,27,136               |
| DINDIGUL                   | 13,747               | 7,85,15,369               |
| ERODE                      | 10,857               | 8,28,51,539               |
| KANCHIPURAM                | 30,576               | 24,92,60,614              |
| KANNIYAKUMARI (HQ: NAGERC) | 2,926                | 3,07,48,482               |
| KARUR                      | 7,224                | 5,27,64,079               |
| KRISHNAGIRI                | 7,713                | 3,72,27,523               |
| MADURAI                    | 15,441               | 8,43,09,358               |
| NAGAPATTINAM               | 19,156               | 8,19,45,140               |
| NAMAKKAL                   | 16,340               | 17,82,50,439              |
| NILGIRIS (HQ: UDHAGAMA)    | 5,025                | 1,35,30,858               |
| PERAMBALUR                 | 8,812                | 7,71,27,405               |
| PUDUKKOTTAI                | 11,251               | 7,55,31,206               |
| RAMANATHAPURAM             | 6,818                | 2,39,23,547               |
| SALEM                      | 19,832               | 12,28,04,846              |
| SIVAGANGA                  | 8,741                | 5,72,37,769               |
| THANJAVUR                  | 20,669               | 12,56,02,176              |
| THENI                      | 7,729                | 3,25,56,688               |
| THOOTHUKUDI                | 10,303               | 5,16,78,879               |
| TIRUCHIRAPPALLI            | 20,292               | 15,95,34,105              |
| TIRUNELVELI                | 16,672               | 11,52,38,421              |
| TIRUPPUR                   | 9,434                | 3,96,56,379               |
| TIRUVALLUR                 | 20,432               | 14,05,50,283              |
| TIRUVANNAMALAI             | 18,279               | 8,63,02,586               |
| TIRUVARUR                  | 15,002               | 4,77,40,914               |
| VELLORE                    | 21,644               | 10,53,42,171              |
| VILLUPURAM                 | 30,142               | 14,12,26,152              |
| VIRUDHUNAGAR               | 11,425               | 5,38,01,420               |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>4,81,659</b>      | <b>2,93,50,96,091</b>     |

| District name             | Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SC Students |                           | Pre -Matric Scholarships Scheme for SCs & Others |                           |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|
|                           | No. of Beneficiaries                            | Central Share Amount Paid | No. of Beneficiaries                             | Central Share Amount Paid |
| ARIYALUR                  | 7,397   | 8,58,04,355               | 1,737  | 36,72,900                 |
| CHENGALPATTU              | 11,542  | 11,06,11,668              | 3,598  | 75,55,800                 |
| CHENNAI                   | 19,541  | 15,68,45,077              | 4,133  | 87,10,800                 |
| COIMBATORE                | 17,045  | 35,34,07,810              | 3,259  | 69,04,800                 |
| CUDDALORE                 | 25,581  | 32,98,49,306              | 5,649  | 1,20,70,800               |
| DHARMAPURI                | 12,928  | 18,41,33,211              | 2,497  | 53,42,400                 |
| DINDIGUL                  | 11,791  | 16,34,47,689              | 3,386  | 71,33,700                 |
| ERODE                     | 11,800  | 17,77,66,727              | 3,628  | 76,67,100                 |
| KALLAKURICHI              | 10,092  | 14,05,49,492              | 3,071  | 65,35,200                 |
| KANCHIPURAM               | 23,406  | 47,23,19,323              | 2,486  | 52,89,900                 |
| KANNIYAKUMARI (HQ: NAGERC | 5,285   | 12,90,39,615              | 514  | 10,87,800                 |
| KARUR                     | 6,516   | 10,18,03,832              | 1,186  | 24,90,600                 |
| KRISHNAGIRI               | 8,464   | 11,84,48,363              | 1,929  | 41,81,100                 |
| MADURAI                   | 10,950  | 14,24,94,454              | 3,553  | 76,18,800                 |
| MAYILADUTHURAI            | 5,382   | 6,89,36,086               | 1,749  | 36,91,800                 |
| NAGAPATTINAM              | 11,568  | 16,05,52,329              | 2,014  | 42,56,700                 |
| NAMAKKAL                  | 24,697  | 52,67,05,022              | 2,993  | 64,00,800                 |
| NILGIRIS (HQ: UDHAGAMA    | 4,443   | 4,54,56,881               | 1,409  | 30,28,200                 |
| PERAMBALUR                | 8,439   | 13,48,53,583              | 1,464  | 30,91,200                 |
| PUDUKKOTTAI               | 15,708  | 23,17,58,438              | 2,687  | 57,58,200                 |
| RAMANATHAPURAM            | 7,192   | 7,77,94,737               | 1,544  | 32,42,400                 |
| RANIPET                   | 5,153   | 6,18,74,278               | 1,785  | 37,50,600                 |
| SALEM                     | 28,369  | 41,69,19,767              | 5,170  | 1,11,13,200               |
| SIVAGANGA                 | 8,583   | 10,47,01,228              | 1,596  | 33,85,200                 |
| TENKASI                   | 6,150   | 6,77,77,858               | 1,884  | 39,66,900                 |
| THANJAVUR                 | 17,055  | 21,25,75,195              | 2,893  | 61,92,900                 |
| THENI                     | 7,120   | 8,18,13,944               | 2,464  | 51,97,500                 |
| THOOTHUKUDI               | 10,649  | 12,40,74,408              | 2,760  | 59,26,200                 |
| TIRUCHIRAPPALLI           | 21,688  | 35,27,09,168              | 3,369  | 71,14,800                 |
| TIRUNELVELI               | 12,823  | 22,50,89,786              | 2,233  | 47,35,500                 |
| TIRUPATHUR                | 4,125   | 5,36,81,659               | 1,503  | 31,64,700                 |
| TIRUPPUR                  | 9,676   | 11,13,92,580              | 3,721  | 78,16,200                 |
| TIRUVALLUR                | 24,323  | 37,06,55,563              | 3,761  | 79,10,700                 |
| TIRUVANNAMALAI            | 23,871  | 26,05,39,296              | 4,229  | 89,90,100                 |
| TIRUVARUR                 | 13,468  | 13,53,49,551              | 2,901  | 60,92,100                 |
| VELLORE                   | 15,124  | 21,06,59,842              | 1,933  | 40,80,300                 |
| VILLUPURAM                | 23,481  | 28,42,83,097              | 4,086  | 85,89,000                 |
| VIRUDHUNAGAR              | 15,000  | 17,67,55,798              | 3,550  | 74,65,500                 |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>5,06,425</b>                                 | <b>7,16,34,31,016</b>     | <b>1,04,324</b>                                  | <b>22,12,22,400</b>       |

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| District name             | Post-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SC Students |                           | Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme for SCs & Others |                           |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|
|                           | No. of Beneficiaries                            | Central Share Amount Paid | No. of Beneficiaries                            | Central Share Amount Paid |
| ARIYALUR                  | 8,177   | 9,78,00,495               | 4,317   | 91,26,600                 |
| CHENGALPATTU              | 26,104  | 38,74,80,458              | 11,773  | 2,47,25,400               |
| CHENNAI                   | 34,868  | 30,76,57,366              | 16,004  | 3,36,33,600               |
| COIMBATORE                | 19,347  | 30,56,04,623              | 8,939   | 1,89,42,000               |
| CUDDALORE                 | 32,064  | 39,47,51,360              | 13,257  | 2,85,54,000               |
| DHARMAPURI                | 12,772  | 16,70,59,682              | 5,933   | 1,26,14,700               |
| DINDIGUL                  | 19,496  | 21,39,41,504              | 8,655   | 1,82,32,200               |
| ERODE                     | 14,244  | 14,94,99,355              | 9,143   | 1,93,36,800               |
| KALLAKURICHI              | 16,684  | 19,90,80,006              | 11,590  | 2,45,39,100               |
| KANCHIPURAM               | 23,147  | 29,07,73,037              | 10,555  | 2,22,97,800               |
| KANNIYAKUMARI (HQ: NAGERC | 7,542   | 11,77,89,702              | 3,905   | 82,21,500                 |
| KARUR                     | 10,125  | 9,48,60,818               | 5,038   | 1,06,19,700               |
| KRISHNAGIRI               | 12,142  | 11,74,89,253              | 5,899   | 1,27,65,900               |
| MADURAI                   | 20,577  | 17,30,25,219              | 13,618  | 2,88,35,100               |
| MAYILADUTHURAI            | 14,265  | 11,19,76,160              | 6,134   | 1,29,99,000               |
| NAGAPATTINAM              | 12,563  | 13,73,62,691              | 5,410   | 1,13,79,900               |
| NAMAKKAL                  | 19,455  | 34,97,15,802              | 7,114   | 1,52,46,000               |
| NILGIRIS (HQ: UDHAGAMA    | 10,356  | 6,54,53,835               | 6,657   | 1,40,80,500               |
| PERAMBALUR                | 13,727  | 14,75,37,569              | 6,647   | 1,40,13,300               |
| PUDUKKOTTAI               | 15,851  | 19,86,70,495              | 8,249   | 1,74,34,200               |
| RAMANATHAPURAM            | 9,906   | 8,48,77,542               | 6,797   | 1,42,73,700               |
| RANIPET                   | 10,503  | 11,08,25,859              | 6,652   | 1,40,11,200               |
| SALEM                     | 22,494  | 29,62,61,236              | 10,832  | 2,28,79,500               |
| SIVAGANGA                 | 9,734   | 10,82,26,167              | 5,341   | 1,13,26,500               |
| TENKASI                   | 11,318  | 10,21,06,396              | 8,195   | 1,72,26,300               |
| THANJAVUR                 | 21,173  | 23,54,79,974              | 8,873   | 1,88,26,500               |
| THENI                     | 10,248  | 9,81,38,614               | 5,463   | 1,14,93,300               |
| THOOTHUKUDI               | 11,091  | 11,83,76,184              | 6,445   | 1,37,05,200               |
| TIRUCHIRAPPALLI           | 26,824  | 38,61,21,917              | 10,750  | 2,27,40,900               |
| TIRUNELVELI               | 16,552  | 17,07,30,302              | 9,534   | 2,01,09,600               |
| TIRUPATHUR                | 8,286   | 8,13,94,393               | 7,151   | 1,50,61,200               |
| TIRUPPUR                  | 14,662  | 11,48,40,408              | 8,014   | 1,68,33,600               |
| TIRUVALLUR                | 26,021  | 38,98,68,449              | 11,155  | 2,34,88,500               |
| TIRUVANNAMALAI            | 20,243  | 19,20,66,076              | 13,507  | 2,86,34,700               |
| TIRUVARUR                 | 18,765  | 12,81,04,619              | 11,692  | 2,45,53,200               |
| VELLORE                   | 16,525  | 11,02,05,605              | 9,931   | 2,09,53,800               |
| VILLUPURAM                | 28,074  | 22,08,45,755              | 14,090  | 2,96,05,800               |
| VIRUDHUNAGAR              | 14,673  | 14,28,71,198              | 12,383  | 2,60,21,100               |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>6,40,598</b>                                 | <b>7,11,88,70,124</b>     | <b>3,35,642</b>                                 | <b>70,93,41,900</b>       |

Statement referred to part (b) of reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2190 for answer on 19.03.2025

(Rs. in lakh)

| Sl. No | Scheme   | 2021-22                 |               | 2022-23        |               | 2023-24        |               |
|--------|--|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
|        |  | Funds released          | Beneficiaries | Funds released | Beneficiaries | Funds released | Beneficiaries |
| 1.     | Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students                     | 2694.72                 | 4.69 lakh     | 4419.815       | 3.05 lakh     | 4046.52        | 2.94 lakh     |
| 2.     | Post- Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students Studying in India | 16079.00                | 4.53 lakh     | 8297.13        | 4.53 lakh     | 13500.00       | 4.76 lakh     |
| 3.     | Top Class Education in Schools for OBC, EBC and DNT students             | Launched during 2022-23 |               | 0.59           | 2 (actual)    | 187.81         | 725 (actual)  |
| 4.     | Top Class Education in Colleges for OBC, EBC and DNT students            | Launched during 2023-24 |               |                |               | 570.86         | 150 (actual)  |
| 5.     | National Fellowship for OBC Students                                     | 279.88                  | 59 (actual)   | 212.42         | 68 (actual)   | 384.41         | 78 (actual)   |

**Annexure-III**

**Statement referred to part (b) of reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2190 for answer on 19.03.2025**

**(Rs. in Lakh)**

| <b>Mode</b>  | <b>Fund released (2021-22)</b> | <b>No. of beneficiaries (2021-22)</b> | <b>Fund released (2022-23)</b> | <b>No. of beneficiaries (2022-23)</b> | <b>Fund released (2023-24)</b> | <b>No. of beneficiaries (2023-24)</b> |
|--------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mode-I       | 36.32                          | 50                                    | 227.1                          | 198                                   | 404.64                         | 341                                   |
| Mode-II      | 117.96                         | 400                                   | 119.92                         | 445                                   | 0                              | 0                                     |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>154.28</b>                  | <b>450</b>                            | <b>347.02</b>                  | <b>643</b>                            | <b>404.64</b>                  | <b>341</b>                            |

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