

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS TO OBC, SC & ST STUDENTS TO PURSUE HIGHER EDUCATION

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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:

Sl. No.	Ministry/ Department	Website links
1.	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	The details are available at https://socialjustice.gov.in/scheme-cat
2.	Ministry of Tribal Affairs	The details are available at https://tribal.nic.in/ScholarshiP.aspx
3.	Department of Higher Education	The details are available at https://www.education.gov.in/scholarships-education-loan-0
4.	University Grants Commission	The details are available at https://www.ugc.gov.in/Home/student_Corner
5.	All India Council for Technical Education	The details are available at https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/rifd/Scholarship-Schemes

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.

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.

The information was given by the Minister of State for Education, Dr. Sukanta Majumdar in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha today.

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