

ANNEXURE

Annexure as referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2111 for 19.03.2025 asked by Shri Ryaga Krishnaiah regarding 'Scholarship Schemes to Promote Higher Education among OBC Groups'

1. Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students Studying in India: Scholarships will be given for the study of all recognized post-matriculation or post secondary courses pursued in recognized Institutions / Universities/ Colleges. Parents/guardians income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakh per annum. Details of achievements during last year under the scheme are as under:

Year	Financial Achievements (₹Cr)	Physical Achievements (in lakh)
2023-24	988.05	32.73

2. Top Class Education in College for OBC, EBC and DNT Students (launched in 2023-24): The Scheme will operate in all the institutions notified by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for every financial year. All the IIMs / IITs/ IIITs / AIIMSs/ NITs/NIFTs/ NIDs/ Indian Institutes of Hotel Management, National Law Universities and other Central Government Institutions will be eligible to be included in the Scheme. Parents/guardians income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakh per annum. Details of achievements during last year under the scheme are as under:

Year	Financial Achievements (₹ Cr)	Physical Achievements (in number)
2023-24	111.18	4762

3. PM-USP Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students: Under the scheme, financial assistance in the form of scholarships is provided to poor and meritorious students for pursuing higher education. Students who are in top 20th percentile of successful candidates in class XII and having family income of up to ₹ 4.5 lakh per annum, are eligible to apply. In a year, 82,000 fresh scholarship slots are available. These have been divided amongst the State Education Boards based on the State's population in the age group of 18-25 years. 50% scholarship slots are earmarked for the girl students. Central Reservation Policy is being followed under the scheme 15% seats are earmarked for SCs, 7.5% for STs and 27 % for OBCs and 5% horizontal reservation for students with Benchmark Disabilities as per schematic norms. The scheme is covered under the DBT w.e.f. 1.1.2013 wherein the scholarship is disbursed directly into the bank account of beneficiaries. CSSS has on-boarded the National Scholarship portal (www.scholarships.gov.in) with effect from 1.8.2015. Details of achievements during last year under the scheme are as under:

Year	Total		OBC	
	Amount Disbursed (₹ Cr)	Number of Scholarships	Amount Disbursed (₹ Cr)	Number of Scholarships
2023-24	217.26	169790	114.10	90441

4. PM-USP Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh: This scheme is exclusively for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (SSS for J&K and Ladakh) only and aims at encouraging the youth from Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh to pursue higher education outside these UTs, to enhance their skills which would provide them an opportunity, to interact with their counterparts from the rest of the country, and helping them become a part of the mainstream. 5000 fresh scholarships are provided every year (2070 for General Degree Courses, 2830 for Professional Courses and 100 for Medical Courses). Reservation Policy as prescribed by the UT of J&K is adopted under the scheme i.e. 8% earmarked for Scheduled Castes, 20% for Scheduled Tribes and 22% for Socially and Economically Backward Classes (SEBC), 10% for Economically & Weaker Sections (EWSs) and horizontal reservation for students with Benchmark Disabilities as per schematic norms. The scheme is covered under the DBT wherein the scholarship is disbursed directly into the bank account of beneficiaries. The students are required to apply online on the AICTE web portal – www.aicte-jk-scholarship.in/. Details of achievements during last year under the scheme are as under:

Year	Total		GEN+ SEBC	
	Amount Released by Ministry to AICTE for disbursal(₹ Cr)	Number of Scholarships	Amount Released by Ministry to AICTE for disbursal(₹ Cr)	Number of Scholarships
2023-24	200	11887	155	9059