

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO.22
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.12.2023**

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OBCs

***22. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of increased delay in stipends of the scholarship scheme meant to help M.Phil and Ph.D scholars from Other Backward Class (OBC) groups in the year 2014 under the aegis of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps in addressing this issue; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the number of beneficiaries of the scholarship during the last five years, State-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)**

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to the part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 22 to be answered on 05.12.2023 regarding "Scholarships for OBCs" asked by SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH

- a. The Scheme of National Fellowship for OBCs was introduced in the year 2014-15. In 2022-23, stipend/fellowship has been released to all eligible beneficiaries by the end of 2022-23.
- b. In order to ensure timely release, the system of Central Nodal Agency (CNA) has been adopted and the CNA ensures release of stipends /fellowship to scholars within the prescribed time limit. National Backward Class Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) has been appointed CNA w.e.f. 01st October, 2022.
- c. The details of the no. of beneficiaries is as per Annexure-I.

Annexure

Referred to the reply of Part (C) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 22
The details of the State wise OBC Scholarship under NF-OBC for the last 5 years

S.N o.	State Name	Financial Year (2018- 2019)	Financial Year (2019- 2020)	Financial Year (2020- 2021)	Financial Year (2021- 2022)	Financial Year (2022- 2023)
		Number of Beneficiaries/ Students	Number of Beneficiaries/ Students	Number of Beneficiaries/ Students	Number of Beneficiaries/ Students	Number of Beneficiaries/ Students
1	GOA	7	13	11	10	9
2	ASSAM	52	87	82	66	78
3	BIHAR	17	52	64	78	97
4	DELHI	51	53	44	50	69
5	KERALA	12	29	45	78	120
6	ODISHA	19	30	47	58	70
7	PUNJAB	15	22	22	23	25
8	SIKKIM	7	15	10	6	6
9	GUJARAT	24	56	55	48	35
10	HARYANA	16	30	35	53	78
11	MANIPUR	0	5	9	22	31
12	TRIPURA	2	5	5	5	7
13	JHARKHAND	15	33	31	34	42
14	KARNATAKA	33	57	42	44	36
15	RAJASTHAN	27	71	76	85	96
16	TELANGANA	33	37	39	34	39
17	CHANDIGARH	1	2	4	3	1
18	PUDUCHERRY	15	17	8	7	10
19	TAMIL NADU	10	42	49	59	68
20	CHHATISGARH	9	16	19	25	20
21	MAHARASHTRA	74	110	89	72	56
22	UTTARAKHAND	1	6	8	9	14
23	WEST BENGAL	38	75	90	95	114
24	UTTAR PRADESH	133	202	223	243	325
25	ANDHRA PRADESH	25	53	54	52	45
26	MADHYA PRADESH	34	55	50	53	48
27	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1	5	4	6	8
28	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	2	3
29	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	8	14	18	18	20
	TOTAL	679	1192	1233	1338	1570
