

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP OF ST STUDENTS

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Ministry of Tribal Affairs

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The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements the following schemes for Scheduled Tribe students in the States/UTs in the country:-

- i. Pre-Matric Scholarships for ST students
- ii. Post-Matric Scholarships for ST students
- iii. National Fellowship & Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students
- iv. National Overseas Scholarships for ST students for studying abroad
- v. Grants in aid to Voluntary Organizations Working for the Welfare of Scheduled Tribes
- vi. Strengthening Education among ST Girls in Low Literacy Districts
- vii. Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution of India
- viii. Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS)
- ix. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Scheme (SCA to TSS)
- x. Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups(PVTGs)

The details of funds allocated under the scheme National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students and National Overseas Scholarship for ST candidates for studying abroad during the last three years are as under:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

| National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students | | | | | |
|---|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2016-17 | | 2017-18 | | 2018-19 | |
| BE | RE | BE | RE | BE | RE |
| 5000.00 | 8000.00 | 12000.00 | 10000.00 | 10000.00 | 10000.00 |

BE: Budget Estimates

RE: Revised Estimates

(Rs. in lakhs)

| National Overseas Scholarship for ST candidates for studying abroad | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
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|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| BE | RE | BE | RE | BE | RE |
| 100.00 | 39.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |

BE: Budget Estimates

RE: Revised Estimates

The details of fellowship amount released and Scheduled Tribe candidates awarded the Fellowship under “National Fellowship” component of the scheme National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST students during the last three years are as under:-

| 2016-17 | | 2017-18 | | 2018-19 | |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Expenditure (Rs in Lakhs) | Beneficiaries | Expenditure (Rs in Lakhs) | Beneficiaries | Expenditure (Rs in Lakhs) | Beneficiaries |
| 7312.25 | 2197 | 7022.00 | 2078 | 8208.91 | 2456 |

Under the scheme, the total number of fresh fellowships each year is 750. The selection of award of fellowship is based on merit and there is no State/ University-wise allocation/ ceiling on number of slots under the scheme.

With the efforts made by the Ministry since 2017-18, number of applications has been increased and all the 750 fellowship slots are now filled up. The Ministry has started implementing the scheme directly from the year 2017-18 onwards. For this purpose a dedicated portal has been designed in the Ministry for online applications so as to ensure that fellowship amount is released to students in time directly into their accounts in DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) mode. Further, the scheme has been integrated with Public Financial Management System (PFMS) and DBT Bharat Portal.

This information was given by Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Smt. Renuka Singh Saruta in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

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