

POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR ST STUDENTS

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In Rajya Sabha, the Union Minister of State (MoS) for Tribal Affairs Shri Durgadas Uikey replying today to an un-starred question of Shri Ryaga Krishnaiah informed that the details of budget allocation and expenditure under the Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for ST students during the last five years is given at **Annexure-I**.

The number of beneficiaries under the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students during the last five academic years is given below:-

Name of the Scheme	Number of Beneficiaries(in lakhs)				
	AY 2020-21	AY 2021-22	AY 2022-23	AY 2023-24	AY 2024-25
Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students	20.06	23.44	22.69	20.64	18.1

Note:- The data for AY 2023-24 and 2024-25 is not complete and yet to be received from States. Therefore, the number of beneficiaries is likely to increase

The Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme and implemented through respective State/UT. This is an open-ended Scheme wherein scholarships are given to all eligible students for pursuing studies from class XI to post-graduation courses. There is difference in Financial Year (April to March) and Academic Year (July to June). In some States and in case of professional courses like medicine and engineering, the Academic Year starts very late due to delay in conduct of exams and consequent delay in admissions. Therefore, the disbursement of scholarship pertaining to an Academic Year may be accounted in the next Financial Year. The data on number of beneficiaries is captured on the basis of disbursement of scholarships. As such, there may be difference in number of beneficiaries from year to year.

To increase the number of beneficiaries under the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students, the States/UTs publicise the scheme through news paper advertisements in local language, websites, by creating awareness in schools and colleges etc. The Ministry is implementing a flagship Scheme -Dharti Abha Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JGUA)- for the overall development of tribal communities across the country. Under DA-JGUA, the States & UTs are organizing IEC campaigns in tribal areas. Publicity is given to Scholarship Schemes also through these campaigns.

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Budget Estimate, Revised Estimate										
Name of the Scheme	FY 2020-21				FY 2021-22					
	BE	RE	Final Allocation	Actual Expenditure	BE	RE	Final Allocation	Actual Expenditure	BE	
Post Matric Scholarship for STs	1900	1833	1833.00	1830.14	1993.00	2257.72	2257.72	2257.72	1965.00	19

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