



₹1,178.20 Crore Central Share Released to Karnataka Under Post-Matric Scholarship for SC Students During Last Three Financial Years

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The Government has informed the Rajya Sabha that a total Central share of **₹1,178.20 crore** was released to beneficiaries in Karnataka under the Centrally Sponsored **Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Caste (SC) students** during the last three financial years.

Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment **Shri Ramdas Athawale** shared these details in reply to Unstarred Question No. 2050 in the Rajya Sabha regarding Central funds for Scheduled Caste welfare in Karnataka.

The Central share released under the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC students to beneficiaries in Karnataka was **₹421.08 crore in 2023-24, ₹422.90 crore in 2024-25 and ₹334.22 crore in 2025-26**, amounting to a total of **₹1,178.20 crore** during the three financial years.

The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment implements the **Post-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes (SCs) students** as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme through State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The scheme is being implemented through **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)** mode with effect from 2021-22.



Under the scheme, release of the Central share of scholarship is contingent upon the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations sharing the **finally verified State/UT-paid data** on the National Scholarship Portal. The scheme is open-ended and demand-driven for all eligible students of recognized institutions across India.

With regard to the **Development Action Plan for Scheduled Castes (DAPSC)**, the Government stated that NITI Aayog issued guidelines in 2017 for earmarking funds under DAPSC. As per these guidelines, each obligated Ministry/Department allocates funds under DAPSC for the socio-economic development of Scheduled Castes through its respective schemes.

These schemes are implemented by the concerned Ministries/Departments, while allocation of funds to States and Union Territories, including Karnataka, is undertaken by the respective Ministries/Departments in accordance with the guidelines of their schemes. The funds allocated by obligated Ministries/Departments under DAPSC are reflected in **Statement 10A of the Expenditure Profile of the Union Budget**.

The Government's response highlights the implementation of scholarship support for eligible Scheduled Caste students in Karnataka through a demand-driven mechanism and Direct Benefit Transfer-based delivery system.

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