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No Pending Applications Under SHREYAS-SC; NO REDUCTION IN DE-ADDICTION CENTRE ALLOCATION DURING LAST THREE YEARS

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The Central Government has clarified the status of scholarship applications and unpaid scholarship dues for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), while also providing details of budget allocations for de-addiction centres and welfare schemes for senior citizens.

In a written reply to **Dr. Menaka Guruswamy in the Rajya Sabha**, the Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, **Shri Ramdas Athawale** stated that the Pre-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes & Others and the Post-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Caste Students are Centrally Sponsored Schemes that are open-ended and demand-driven.

He stated that **the scholarships are released through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) into Aadhaar-seeded bank accounts of beneficiaries** adding that the release of the Central share is contingent upon the concerned State Government or UT Administration releasing its share and uploading the finally verified paid data on the National Scholarship Portal.

Under the Central Sector Scheme of Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme for SCs (SHREYAS-SC), the Government stated that **no scholarship application is pending and there are no unpaid scholarship dues**.

On allocations for de-addiction centres, the Government clarified that there has been **no reduction in budget allocation during the last three years**.

For welfare schemes for senior citizens, the allocation stood at **₹705.11 crore** in 2023-24, **₹539.44 crore** in 2024-25 and **₹557.42 crore** in 2025-26, amounting to a total allocation of **₹1,801.97 crores** over the three-year period.

Government Provides Update on Scholarship Applications and Welfare Scheme Allocations



The Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, **Shri Ramdas Athawale**, provided detailed information on scholarship applications for SCs, OBCs and Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and allocations for de-addiction centres and welfare schemes for senior citizens.



SC Scholarships (Pre-Matric & Post-Matric)

Centrally Sponsored Schemes, open-ended and demand-driven. Scholarships are released through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) into Aadhaar-seeded bank accounts. Release of Central share is contingent upon States/UTs releasing their share and uploading verified paid data on the National Scholarship Portal.



SHREYAS-SC (Higher Education for Young Achievers)

Under this Central Sector Scheme, no scholarship application is pending and there are no unpaid scholarship dues.



PM-YASASVI (for OBCs, EBCs & DNTs)

Comprises four sub-schemes:

- Pre-Matric
- Post-Matric
- Top-Class Education in Schools
- Top-Class Education in Colleges

Pre-Matric & Post-Matric are Centrally Sponsored Schemes; Top-Class Education in Schools and Colleges are Central Sector Schemes.



Scholarship Scheme for Students with Disabilities

A Central Sector Scheme implemented by DEPD. Applications are processed as per Scheme guidelines, subject to eligibility and complete applications. Sanction and release of scholarships are done continuously during the academic year.

ALLOCATIONS FOR DE-ADDICTION CENTRES



There has been **no reduction** in the budget allocation for de-addiction centres during the last three years.

ALLOCATION FOR WELFARE SCHEMES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Year	Amount (₹ in crore)
2023-24	705.11
2024-25	539.44
2025-26	557.42
TOTAL (2023-24 to 2025-26)	1,801.97



The Government remains committed to ensuring timely disbursement of scholarships and adequate funding for social welfare initiatives to empower and uplift SCs, OBCs, PwDs and senior citizens.



The Government further informed that the Prime Minister Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India for OBCs and others (**PM-YASASVI**) comprises four sub-schemes—**Pre-Matric, Post-Matric, Top-Class Education in Colleges and Top-Class Education in Schools for OBC, EBC and DNT students.**

The Pre-Matric and Post-Matric components are Centrally Sponsored Schemes, with processing, verification, sanction and disbursement undertaken by the respective State Governments and UT Administrations, while the Central Government releases funds to the States and UTs. The Top-Class Education in Schools and Top-Class Education in Colleges components are Central Sector Schemes.

With regard to students with disabilities, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPD) is implementing the Central Sector “Scholarship Scheme for Students with Disabilities”. Applications received under the scheme are processed in accordance with the prevailing scheme guidelines, subject to fulfilment of prescribed eligibility conditions and submission of complete applications. Sanction and release of scholarships are undertaken continuously during the academic year.

The Government's response highlights the demand-driven nature of key scholarship schemes, the DBT-based mechanism for scholarship disbursement, and the continuous processing of eligible applications under the respective schemes.

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