

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2494
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH AUGUST, 2023**

EMPLOYMENT FOR THE EWS

2494. DR. LAXMIKANT BAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any special measures to increase employment for the Economically Weaker Section (EWS);**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the impact of these initiatives in the economically backward areas like Bundelkhand?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a) to (c): Article 15(6) and 16(6) have been inserted in the Constitution, vide the Constitution (One Hundred and Third Amendment) Act, 2019. This enables the State to provide the benefits of reservation on preferential basis to the Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs) in civil posts and services in the Government of India and admission in Educational Institutions. Accordingly, the provisions for 10% reservation to the EWS was implemented by the Government in January, 2019. The 10% reservation under EWS category is applicable to those persons who are not covered under the existing scheme of reservations for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes.

The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing several schemes for the welfare of marginalised sections of the society in the country including Bundelkhand area. Some of the schemes are given at Annexure.

**Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) to (c) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred
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Scheme wise Allocated Fund & Expenditure for FY 2020-21 (Rs. in Crore)			
Sl.No	Programme/Schemes	Allocated Fund*	Expenditure
1	Post Matric Scholarship for SCs	3815.87	4010.16
2	Free Coaching for SCs and OBCs	30.00	11.97
3	Pradhan Mantri Adharsh Gram Yojana	300.00	216.52
4	Strengthening of machinery for Enforcement of Protection of Civil Right Act 1955 and Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989	600.00	593.39
5	BabuJagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana	30.00	56.40
6	Assistance to Vol. Orgns. for SCs	125.00	55.81
7	Pre-matric Scholarships for the children of those engaged in unclean occupation	27.00	26.81
8	State Sch. Castes Development Corporations	20.00	15.86
9	Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub Plan	300.00	387.00
10	National Fellowship for SCs	125.00	119.00
11	Self-Employment Scheme of Liberation & Rehabilitation of Scavengers	30.00	16.60
12	National Overseas Scholarship for SCs	30.00	33.09
13	Top Class Education for SCs	50.00	52.88
14	Pre Matric Scholarship for SCs	600.00	569.52
15	VISVAS Yojana SC Component	32.13	10.00
16	Venture Capital Funds for SCs	40.00	30.00
17	Information & Mass Education Cell	5.00	2.78
18	Assistance to Vos. for Providing Social Defence Services	3.00	3.00
19	National Action Plan for Senior Citizens	150.00	130.31
20	National Action Plan on Drug Demand Reduction	180.00	149.43
21	Pre-matric Scholarship to OBCS	175.00	165.85
22	Assistance for Skill Development of OBCs, DNT's and EBCs	50.00	47.29
23	Boys & Girls Hostels for OBCS	35.00	31.59
24	Post-Matric Scholarship for OBCS	1100.00	1159.59
25	Scheme for Educational and Economical Development of De-notified and Nomadic Tribes	10.00	9.00
26	Post Matric Scholarship for Economically Backward Classes	25.00	25.00
27	Interest Subsidy on Overseas Studies of OBCS	35.00	32.61
28	National Fellowship for OBCs and EBCs	45.00	33.00
29	VISVAS Yojana OBC Component	32.00	10.00
30	Venture Capital Fund for Backward Classes	10.00	0.00

*Based on Revised Estimate