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Various Scholarship Schemes of HRD Ministry for Students

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The Ministry of Human Resource Development is implementing the following important scholarship schemes:

(i) National Means-Cum Merit Scholarship Scheme: Under the scheme, scholarship is awarded to the eligible meritorious students, having parental income up to Rs.1.5 lakh per annum, with the objective to arrest their dropping out in class VIII and encourage them to continue education at secondary and higher secondary stage up to class XII. 1,00,000 fresh scholarships are provided per annum. The rate of scholarship is Rs.12,000/- per annum.

(ii) Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students: Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to those eligible meritorious students who are above 80th percentile of successful candidates in the relevant stream from a particular Board of Examination, in class XII and having family income of less than Rs. 8 Lakhs per annum. 82000 fresh scholarships are provided per year (41000 for boys and 41000 for girls) and have been divided amongst the State Education Boards based on the State's population in the age group of 18-25 years. The rate of scholarship is Rs. 10,000/- per annum for the first three years and Rs. 20,000/- per annum for the fourth and fifth year.

(iii) Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu and Kashmir: The scheme aims to encourage the youth from Jammu & Kashmir to take advantage of the educational institutions outside the state, which would provide them an opportunity, to interact with their counterpart from the rest of the country, thereby be part of the mainstream. 5000 fresh scholarships are provided per annum. Scholarship is provided towards Tuition fee and Maintenance allowance. The rate of scholarship towards tuition fee for General Degree course is Rs.30,000 per annum, for Engineering course is Rs.1.25 Lakhs per annum and for Medical studies is Rs.3.0 Lakhs per annum. Fixed Maintenance allowance of Rs. 1.0 Lakhs per annum is provided to all students.

The number of students who have been disbursed fresh and renewal scholarships is:

Year	No. of Beneficiaries (Fresh/Renewals)
2012-13	3687
2013-14	7335
2014-15	8249
2015-16	8109
2016-17	7098
2017-18	6417

2018-19 (November 2018)	4756
Total	45651

The Government has taken several steps/initiatives to ensure that the benefit of the scheme is availed by all the deserving students. As a result of various initiatives including inviting of online application, online counseling & online allotment of seats, creation of supernumerary quota seats in Engineering, Architecture, Nursing, Pharmacy and Agriculture colleges, more number of students are taking admission in professional courses and thereby improving their employability.

This information was given by the Minister of State (HRD), Dr. Satya Pal Singh today in a written reply to a Lok Sabha question.

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