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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
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INCLUSIVITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

2265 Shri Derek O' Brien:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) what is the enrolment ratio of Muslims, OBCs, STs, SCs respectively in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs); and

(b) the steps being taken to uplift the marginalised communities with respect to the enrolment in HEIs?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) As per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2020-21, the enrolment of Other Backward Classes (OBC), Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Muslims Students is as under:

Category	Enrolment
OBC	1,48,21,537
SC	58,94,700
ST	24,12,069
Muslims	19,21,713

(b) The Government has taken several steps to encourage and increase the enrolment of students from SC, ST and minorities, which inter-alia include the following :-

- i. Education and Skill Textbooks in Indian languages are being brought out and recently Textbooks in 12 Indian Languages were released in the recent Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam. Similarly All India Council of Higher Education (AICTE) has released entire course books for 1st Year of Engineering and Polytechnic subjects in Indian Languages. These would facilitate students, particularly from vernacular background and marginalised communities in pursuing Higher Studies.
- ii. Examinations like Joint Entrance Examination (JEE), National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) etc. are conducted in 13 Indian languages, to facilitate the students of SC/ST/OBC/rural/vernacular background.

iii. Various fellowship and scholarship schemes for providing financial assistance to students including for SC/ST/OBC and Minority students are being implemented, details of which are available in the following websites:

Sl. No.	Ministry/Department	Website links
1.	Department of Higher Education	https://www.education.gov.in/pm-usp-scholarships-education-loan
2.	University Grants Commission	https://frg.ugc.ac.in
3.	All India Council for Technical Education	https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/rifd/Scholarship-Schemes
4.	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	https://socialjustice.gov.in/scheme-cat
5.	Ministry of Tribal Affairs	https://tribal.nic.in/ScholarshiP.aspx
6.	Ministry of Minority Affairs	https://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/show_content.php?lang=1&level=2&ls_id=669&lid=825

iv. Certain relaxations in eligibility conditions in UGC-Junior Research Fellowship for SC/ST students are provided

v. Hostels for SC/ST students are constructed under the Campus Accommodation & Facilities Enhancing Social Experience (CAFES) of AICTE

vi. The University Grants Commission is implementing the following Schemes for uplift of marginalised communities:

- Remedial Coaching for SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer), and Minority Community Students
- Coaching Classes for Entry into Services for SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) and Minority Community Students
- Coaching For National Eligibility Test or State Eligibility Test for SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creams Layer), and Minority Community Students
- Post Graduate Scholarship for Professional Courses for SC/ST candidates
- “Ishan Uday” Special Scholarship Scheme for North Eastern Region
