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 Government of India  
 Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.  
 Dated the 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2010

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Secy (SW)  
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 Sir,

A Centrally-sponsored scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship to SC children has been in operation from 1944, but there is no corresponding scheme for giving pre-matric scholarship to SC children. Some States do have their own pre-matric scholarship schemes, but their rates are generally meager.

2. Standing Committee on Social Justice & Empowerment (2007-08) in its 33<sup>rd</sup> report has observed that "there is an urgent need to expand the coverage of scholarship for Scheduled Castes at pre-matric stage. Needless to say that a scheme of scholarship during the formative years would go a long way in the educational development of this vulnerable group of our society. The Committee, urge the Government to revise this scheme and re-introduce it as a Central Sector Scheme of Pre-matric scholarship for Scheduled Caste students too."

3. Keeping the above in view, there is a need of compilation of information for taking appropriate action to fulfill the observation of the aforesaid Committee. Hence, this Ministry requires information regarding annual financial assistance being provided for Pre-matric-SC students in the following format:-

(Amt. in Rupees)

Sl. No.	State/ UTs	Classes for which Scholarship given	Annual Financial Assistance					
			Scholarship				Reimburse-ment of fees	Books and Stationery
			Boys		Girls			
			Day Scholars	Hostelers	Day Scholar	Hostelers		
1.		I-V						
2.		VI-VIII						
3.		IX-X						

4. You are, therefore, requested to provide information as per above format through e-mail or by return fax latest by 27.12.2010.

Yours faithfully,

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