

Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir

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The Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir is being implemented since 2011. The scheme aims to encourage the youth from Jammu & Kashmir to pursue higher education in educational institutions outside the state.

The Government has taken several initiatives to ensure that the benefits of the scheme is availed by all deserving students. As a result of various initiatives, including creation of ten supernumerary quota in Engineering Colleges, more number of students are taking admission in professional courses.

The scheme envisages to provide 5000 fresh scholarships every year (4500 for General, 250 for Engineering and 250 for Medical studies). There is a provision of inter-changeability of slots, subject to shortfall in the number of General degree courses and in the process, allocating a higher number of students for certain professional courses.

Numbers of students, who have benefitted under the scheme,

are:

| Academic Year | Number Beneficiaries | of |
|------------------|-------------------------|----|
| 2014-15 | 1680 | |
| 2015-16 | 1402 | |
| 2016-17 | 2240 | |

13014 students from Jammu & Kashmir have benefitted from this scheme so far.

This information was given by the Minister of State (HRD), Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey today in a written reply to a Rajya Sabha question.

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