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Reservation of Scholarships
to educationally backward classes.

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(This is to say that scholarships are not distributed properly among all the communities and the scholarships are not enough)

Law (Education) Department.

Broadly speaking, the scholarships awarded by the Education Department fall under two categories; namely, general or open scholarships to which all classes of the population are eligible and scholarships reserved for particular classes. Of the the latter category two sets of scholarships deserve

special mention:-

(a) Scholarships special for depressed classes and aboriginal tribes.

Under this heading there are sixteen scholarships and an equal number of fee remissions available in secondary schools. The monthly value of each is Rs. 3-8-0 when held in forms I to III and Rs. 5, 6 and 7 when held in forms IV, V and VI respectively. 27 other scholarships of the monthly value of Rs. 3 each are awarded in the sixth standard of higher elementary schools and they are also renewed in the seventh and eighth standards on the pupil's promotion.

(b) Scholarships special to Muhammadans.

Under this head there are 25 scholarships beginning from the I form and continuing throughout the whole of the secondary course. They are tenable by certain special classes of the Muhammadan community which are particularly backward, namely, Mappillas, Labbais, Dudekulas or Pinjaris and Jonagans. The value of these scholarships is Rs. 3 when held in forms I to III and Rs. 6 in forms IV to VI.

Besides the above ear-marked scholarships, there are also others particularly reserved for hill-tribes, such as, Kondhs, Savaras, Koyas etc., criminal tribes, such as, valayars and Koravars of the Coimbatore Dt. Mappillas of the Malabar Dt. These are mostly tenable in elementary schools and preparatory classes of secondary schools.

2. Particulars of the open or general scholarships are given in the following statement:-

Class of scholarship.	Number of scholarships for	Monthly value of each scholarship and the period for which it is tenable.					
	Boys.	1st year (h)	2nd year.	3rd year.	4th year.	5th year.	6th year.
(i) Higher Elementary.	(a) 24	RS. 2	RS. (b) 2½	RS. 3	RS. ..	RS. ..	RS. ..
	(b) 234	3	3	3	6	6	6
(ii) Secondary	(a) 55	6	6	6	..	..	..
	43	9	9	14	14	14	..
(iii) Collegiate (n)	5	14	14	14	..	..	..
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The pre-~~amble~~ to the notification relating to these scholarships runs as follows:-

"The scholarships in this notification are open only to pupils of promise whose pecuniary circumstances are certified by the head of their school or college to be such as to prevent them from prosecuting their studies without assistance. In the award of scholarships the claims of those sections of the community who are most in need of aid will, other conditions being satisfied, be first considered, preference being given to Adi-Dravidas, Adi-Andhras, Muhammadans, Oriyas and members of other backward classes."

That the backward classes cannot compete on equal terms with others has been further recognised in the fact that the age limit for eligibility to these scholarships has ^{in this case been} fixed at two years higher than in the case of other communities.

3. Mr. Prabhakara Thampan asked that all the scholarships should be reserved for students of the depressed classes and other educationally backward classes. An analogous resolution proposing that fifty per cent of the scholarship awarded by the Government in educational and industrial institutions should be reserved for and given to the members of the Hindu Adi-Dravida and other depressed communities was moved by Mr. M. C. Raja at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 19th January 1922. In the course of the discussions Mr. Muniswami Nayudu moved an amendment providing for the grant of the ^{remaining} fifty percent of the scholarships to other non-brahmin communities.

The resolution was ^{filed} debated on with a degree of heat. The Hon'ble the Minister replied that he could not accept the proposition but said that as far as possible the claims of the depressed classes, the non-brahmin Hindus, the Muhammadans and the Christians would be considered in the award of the scholarships. An extract of the Council Proceedings was also forwarded to

p. 1 of Notif. (W)

p. 4 of Notif. (W)

p. 5 ibid

p. 11 of Notif. (W) 300 Ed.

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p. 13 ibid.

p. 22 b ibid

As well as the scholarships not awarded of Rs. 1400 to depressed classes out of the Rs. 1400 reserved for them

p. 22 and 23 ibid.

p. 27 ibid.

the D.P.E.

4. Rao Sahib Gopalan desires to know which of the communities get scholarships and why the fisher-folk are not awarded scholarships for higher studies. In the annual reports on Public Instruction a statement is usually appended giving particulars of the scholarships awarded by the department each year. Though the statement does not indicate that scholarships have been awarded specifically to fisher community, there is no reason to believe that applications from deserving pupils belonging to the community were rejected. Fisher folk are presumably ~~checked together with backward classes~~.

5. Dr. Natesa Mudaliar desires to point out that the number of scholarships is not enough and that the available scholarships are not distributed properly. The expenditure on scholarships along with other items of educational expenditure was reviewed by the Madras Retrenchment Committee who observed that the amount spent on scholarships was excessive and recommended a reduction thereof at least temporarily. This recommendation is separately under consideration. It is doubtful whether the Government will be prepared to institute ^{any large add'l} further scholarships. ^{alone} As to the remark that the scholarships are not distributed properly, Hon'ble Members now and then draw the attention of the Government to the matter and their suggestions are always brought to the notice of the Director.

~~On 16.3.25 in the course of the speech on~~

Dr. Natesa Mudaliar brings to notice ^{any} specific complaint, the matter may be sent to the D.D. for consideration.



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