NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP & SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION OF ST STUDENTS:
This is a Central Sector Scheme. Entire funds are released by Central Govt. The scheme has two components i.e., Fellowship and Scholarship:

(i) FELLOWSHIP FOR ST Students

- 750 fellowships are provided to ST students each year for pursing higher studies in India for MPhil and Ph.D.
- Fellowship for M.Phil is provided @ Rs. 25000/- per month and for Ph.D @ Rs.28000/- per month.
  - Contingency for Fellows in Humanities and Social Science is provided @ Rs.10000/- per annum for two year and Rs. 20500/- per annum for the remaining stream
  - Contingency for Fellows in Science, Engineering Technology is provided @ Rs.12000/- per annum for two years and @ 25000/- per annum for the remaining stream.
  - Escorts/Reader assistance @ Rs. 2000/- per month is provided in case of physically and visually handicapped candidates.
  - HRA as per rules of University/Institution / Colleges.

- The maximum duration for which the scholarships are available is given below:

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(ii) SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION (earlier known as Top Class Education for ST Students)

- Scholarship is given to ST students for pursuing studies in prescribed courses in any of the **246 institutions** of excellence across the country like IITs, AIIMS, IIMs, NIITs, etc. identified by the Ministry. Priority is given to girls.
- Total number of scholarships is **1000** per year.
- Family income from all sources should not exceed **Rs.6.00** lakhs per annum.
- Scholarship amount includes **tuition fees, living expenses and allowances for books and computer.**