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**Accessibility of higher education**New Delhi, 08<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

The government is committed to make higher education accessible to all sections of the society including the poor. The department is implementing the following schemes to assist meritorious students from poor financial background and to ensure that no one from the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) is denied access to higher education, only for the reason that he or she is poor:

1. Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students (CSSS)
2. Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir (SSS for J&K).
3. Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme (CSIS)

Besides the above, tuition fee is Waived by Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and National Institutes of technology (NITs) whereby the students whose family income is less than a specified level get full/partial remission of the fee.

The information was given by the Minister of State for Education, Dr. Subhas Sarkar in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha today.

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