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Dear Mr. R. K. Chauhan,

Six years back we had launched a scholarship programme for the economically and socially marginalized group in higher education. So far we have given scholarship to around 700 students. The scholarship covers the entire cost of education of any institute of the student's choice for five years.

In addition the foundation is also giving grants to 22 colleges which are partner colleges in the country so that they can identify disadvantaged students in their colleges, mentor their academics, hone their social skills to bring them at par with the students from well off sections and monitor their progress. As there is a huge convergence in the country between social disadvantage and economic poverty most of these students belong to Schedule Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Other Backward Castes. These colleges are some of the best Liberal Arts & Science colleges in the country such as Lady Shri Ram College, New Delhi; Loyola College, Chennai; Presidency College, Kolkata; St. Xavier's College, Ahmedabad; College of Social Work, Mumbai.

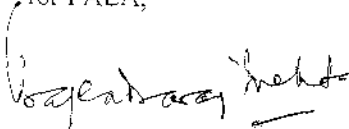
**We are inspired by the idea that unless children from these groups have access to centers of excellence, they will not have access to economical opportunities.** This year we have earmarked 150 scholarships specifically for Schedule Caste/ Schedule Tribe students. These scholarships have been sponsored by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Tata Group of Companies. I am herewith enclosing a copy of a brochure plus a copy of the advertisement, giving full details about the scholarship.

We shall be grateful to you, if you could ask someone in your office to inspire extremely poor but very bright Schedule Caste/ Schedule Tribe students to apply for the scholarship. The last date is 15<sup>th</sup> June 2008

I am herewith sending a profile of the SC/ST students who were selected under CII scholarship program last year.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,  
for FAEA,



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