

Indian student scholarships: King's help sought
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The Human Rights Party (HRP) is seeking the King's intervention on the inability of top Indian students to procure scholarships and study loans as well as university and matriculation placement.

The request for a Royal Commission of Inquiry to look into the problem was prompted by the outcry over 2,000 Indians students whose applications for scholarships had been ignored by the government despite the students passing their exams with flying colours.

sad and disappointed students june4 penang scholarships hrp"There are an estimated 2,237 secondary schools in the country, and we are just assuming one top scoring Indian student per school instead of the actual 15 or more," said S Jayathas, information chief for HRP.

"This is how we are estimating 2,237 Indian students are being marginalised," he added.

HRP will be submitting a memorandum to the King at his palace at 2.30pm on Sunday.

According to Jayathas, together with the memorandum they will also submit a petition - launched on July 1 - which has garnered around 14,000 signatures up till today, protesting this inequality.

"There have been seven police reports lodged (against the BN-led government), and we will also submit this along with our memorandum and petition papers to the King," he said in an interview with Malaysiakini.

He added that 70 percent of Indian students are in the poor category and only education can pull them up.

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