

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 127
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2018**

REDUCTION OF MINORITY SCHOLARSHIPS

127. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been a decline in disbursal of minority scholarships since 2015, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the reasons for the decline; and
- (c) the total number of applications received for the minority scholarships and the total number of minority scholarships granted since 2015?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a) to (c) : The implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode for payment of scholarship directly into the student's bank account and launching of National Scholarship Portal (NSP) software in 2015, has eliminated duplication and leakage and prevented fake / fraudulent applications and the introduction of NSP and DBT has had an impact in the number of scholarships awarded. The process now has become more transparent and accountable and provides scholarship to the really needy and genuine beneficiaries. Details of number of applications received and beneficiaries awarded scholarships under the Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme, Post-matric Scholarship Scheme and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for the last three years are given in the table below:

Scheme	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18	
	No. of applications received	No. of beneficiaries awarded	No. of applications received	No. of beneficiaries awarded	No. of applications received	No. of beneficiaries awarded
Pre-matric Scholarship	69,82,276	51,78,779	86,35,428	41,53,524	96,50,248	48,74,220
Post-matric Scholarship	17,30,089	6,66,840	18,03,649	6,24,990	17,35,599	6,21,321
Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship	2,62,829	1,33,582	2,80,639	1,21,858	2,49,230	1,16,452
Total	89,75,194	59,79,201	1,07,19,716	49,00,372	1,16,35,077	56,11,993