

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.763
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2021**

NAYA SAVERA SCHEME IN KERALA

763. SHRI JOHN BRITTAS:

Will the Minister of **MINORITY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds transferred to the State of Kerala in the last two years under the Naya Savera scheme;
- (b) whether Government proposes to increase the number of scholarships under this scheme in the State of Kerala; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements the Free Coaching and Allied Scheme (Naya Savera) under which free coaching is provided to students/candidates who belong to the six notified minority communities and whose total annual family income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 6.00 lakhs per annum. The Ministry invites proposals from coaching institutions/organizations from time to time for empanelment, and those coaching institutions which meet the eligibility criteria are empanelled by the Ministry as per due process.

The scheme is implemented through the empanelled Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) for which grants is provided by the Ministry. Four Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) were empanelled under the scheme w.e.f. 2017-18 from the State of Kerala. During the last two years an amount of Rs. 98.60 lakh was released to the PIAs.

There are no scholarships under this scheme, only stipend amount of Rs. 2500/- is paid to the eligible students through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Mode.
