

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1668
ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022

PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR MINORITIES

1668. DR. JOHN BRITTAS:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to modify or limit pre-matric scholarships for students belonging to minority communities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of students covered by the scheme during last five years and the amount spent thereon;
- (d) the year-wise and State wise details thereof; and
- (e) the number of students proposed to be included in the scheme as per the new amendments?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Minority Affairs implements Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for students from weaker economic background belonging to the 6 notified minority communities, namely, Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Parsi and Sikh. The coverage under the scheme has been modified from 2022-23 and made applicable for classes IX and X only as the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009 provides for free and compulsory elementary education (classes I to VIII) to each and every child. This modification has also been done to harmonize the Scheme with the identical Scholarship Schemes implemented by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

(c): During the last five years (from 2017-18 to 2021-22) 2,75,21,889 students have been sanctioned scholarships and ₹6288.85crore have been spent under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme.

(d) The year-wise and State/UT-wise details of scholarships and amount sanctioned during the last five years (from 2017-18 to 2021-22) are annexed.

(e): The number of beneficiaries under the modified Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme of Ministry of Minority Affairs will be maintained at the same level as the number of beneficiaries of classes IX-X in the pre-modified Scheme.

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (D) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1668 FOR 21.12.2022 REGARDING "PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR MINORITIES "

Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme –Number of scholarships and amount sanctioned during 2017-18 to 2021-22

States/UTs	2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22*	
	No. of Scholarship Sanctioned	Amount (In ₹ crore)	No. of Scholarship Sanctioned	Amount (In ₹ crore)	No. of Scholarship Sanctioned	Amount (In ₹ crore)	No. of Scholarship Sanctioned	Amount (In ₹ crore)	No. of Scholarship Sanctioned	Amount (In ₹ crore)
Andhra Pradesh	132983	32.46	129589	35.68	161555	47.6	152714	36.4	175563	37.85
Assam	225605	109.44	116564	60.91	290719	161.16	250267	90.97	235337	99.98
Bihar	122582	30.78	222209	97.45	245662	82.43	134270	32.97	175287	49.19
Chhattisgarh	7958	2.13	5595	1.73	4839	1.64	4308	1.35	4453	1.34
Goa	1460	0.2	349	0.04	497	0.06	772	0.08	1111	0.11
Gujarat	134673	34.58	128432	35.48	134907	37.48	102873	28.6	89543	25.7
Haryana	4685	1.82	6259	2.5	8860	3.25	9396	3.58	25011	8.53
Himachal Pradesh	1667	0.3	1541	0.28	2056	0.4	1985	0.34	1790	0.3
Jammu and Kashmir	157548	34.55	155312	44.13	523653	129.16	466290	96.24	389132	77.67
Jharkhand	51895	29.43	50466	34.61	84133	60.9	14332	5.17	14146	5.7
Karnataka	332989	62.75	433314	84.27	507463	100.42	517527	99.74	566291	110.67
Kerala	557278	66.87	573776	70.99	593531	74.8	599692	74.4	634299	78.32
Ladakh	0	0	0	0	0	0	14862	3.93	11884	3.08
Madhya Pradesh	99064	26.72	108841	31.84	137269	41.54	113780	37.93	139638	47.53
Maharashtra	619888	68.1	688310	77.11	744273	86.66	734816	81.65	802121	88.89
Manipur	6153	3.75	14882	9.47	44390	25.76	47526	26.29	52432	28.17
Meghalaya	5544	1.38	5392	1.69	9865	2.51	14630	3.97	15462	4.42

Mizoram	34436	8.24	42696	11.03	52652	15.09	53129	15.07	60784	18.54
Nagaland	24840	8.74	28156	10.87	53156	18.9	69053	24.01	77882	28.03
Odisha	9922	1.9	10611	1.98	12934	2.53	17470	2.92	25620	4.19
Punjab	432616	68.67	409392	68.64	468622	76.14	447136	70.44	503179	75.57
Rajasthan	146089	40.95	135980	43.36	165049	53.66	146296	46.59	188827	55.58
Sikkim	757	0.23	392	0.13	716	0.15	102	0.03	513	0.1
Tamil Nadu	353184	69.28	325580	66.94	376543	78.23	381455	76.96	448485	86.55
Telangana	176726	56.26	169146	58.54	171908	60.28	156037	56.6	177571	61.29
Tripura	5374	1.1	3283	0.81	3525	0.52	5723	0.87	7109	1.02
Uttar Pradesh	577622	176.73	691804	243.51	727980	247.14	747354	265.24	842938	317.32
Uttarakhand	21012	6.58	21275	8.37	30197	14	18621	7.4	21812	10.48
West Bengal	1054783	132.56	1206629	160.8	884	0.36	273	0.2	576	0.14
Andaman And Nicobar	288	0.17	56	0.01	107	0.04	2796	0.37	3272	0.4
Chandigarh	2307	0.24	1342	0.14	1461	0.15	1913	0.2	1783	0.18
The Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu	55	0.01	134	0.02	468	0.07	275	0.03	318	0.04
Delhi	7345	0.93	2216	0.3	4928	0.65	8328	0.88	12302	1.25
Puducherry	1929	0.57	2331	0.66	3223	0.87	3963	1	4318	1.04
Total	5311257	1078.42	5691854	1264.29	5568025	1424.55	5239964	1192.420	57,10,789	1329.17

* Provisional data. Disbursement of Scholarships continues in 2022-23