

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *68
ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023

PADHO PARDESH INTEREST SUBSIDY SCHEME

*68. SHRI M. MOHAMED ABDULLA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Minority students from the country who went abroad for their higher education during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) number of students who became beneficiaries of 'Padho Pardesh Interest Subsidy Scheme' during the three years, year-wise; and
- (c) amount of funds disbursed under 'Padho Pardesh Interest Subsidy Scheme' during last three years, year-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN PART (a) TO (c) OF REPLY OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION *68 FOR ANSWER ON 08.02.2023 BY SHRI M. MOHAMED ABDULLA REGARDING PADHO PARDESH INTEREST SUBSIDY SCHEME

(a) & (b): The Government has implemented various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every strata, including minorities, especially the economically weaker and lesser privileged sections of the society, through various schemes of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Rural Development.

Ministry of Minority Affairs has specifically implemented various welfare schemes, including various Scholarship schemes, across the country for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the notified minority communities.

The Ministry of Minority Affairs does not collate the data on number of Minority students from the country who went abroad for their higher education. However, the State/UT/year-wise details of number of beneficiaries covered under Padho Pardesh Scheme during the last three years are as under:

S. No.	State/UT	Number of beneficiaries		
		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1	Andhra Pradesh	72	91	81
2	Assam	5	6	1
3	Bihar	12	11	8
4	Chandigarh	4	3	2
5	Chhattisgarh	6	3	1
6	Daman & Diu	2	0	0
7	Delhi	20	19	13
8	Goa	15	13	4
9	Gujarat	129	103	82
10	Haryana	15	14	12
11	Himachal Pradesh	3	1	0
12	Jammu & Kashmir	80	132	202
13	Jharkhand	8	8	6
14	Karnataka	289	275	229
15	Kerala	1734	2236	3359
16	Madhya Pradesh	106	82	51
17	Maharashtra	322	300	265
18	Meghalaya	1	0	0
19	Mizoram	1	0	0
20	Odisha	7	4	5
21	Puducherry	11	12	9

22	Punjab	82	59	74
23	Rajasthan	32	27	24
24	Tamil Nadu	155	133	108
25	Telangana	72	63	53
26	Uttar Pradesh	36	30	15
27	Uttrakhand	4	12	7
28	West Bengal	15	19	11
	Total	3238	3656	4622

Under National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) Education Loan scheme, during the years 2019-20 to 2021-22, 513 loans, at concessional rate of interest, were provided for pursuing technical and professional courses abroad amounting to Rs. 18.91 Crore.

(c): The Ministry of Minority Affairs released Rs. 14.43 Crore, Rs. 20.19 Crore and Rs. 22.15 Crore under Padho Pardesh Scheme during 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 respectively.
