

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1495**  
ANSWERED ON-02/08/2023

**PARTICIPATION OF MUSLIMS IN EDUCATION SECTOR**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the all India survey on education conducted by the Ministry has revealed that the Muslim community is lagging behind other communities in education, if so, details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether situation is same with Muslims teachers in the education field, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) what efforts are being made to ensure the participation of the Muslim community in education sector?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

- (a) As per the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2020-21, the enrolment of Muslim students has increased to 19.22 Lakhs in 2020- 21 from 17.39 Lakhs in 2016-17.
- (b) The number of teachers from the Muslim community has shown significant increase to 86,314 in 2020-21 from 67,215 in 2016-17, as reported under AISHE 2020-21.
- (c) Government is encouraging Minority students through various initiatives given as under:-

I. Ministry of Minority Affairs implements three educational empowerment Schemes for students belonging to 6 notified Minority communities, namely, Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Sikh and Zoroastrian, all over the country, the details of which are as under :-

- Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme- The Scholarship is provided to minority students studying in Government/ recognized private schools, with minimum 30% Scholarships earmarked for girls.
- Post Matric Scholarship Scheme - The Scholarship is provided to minority students studying in Class XI to Ph.D level in Government/recognized Private schools/Colleges/Institutes, with minimum 30% Scholarships earmarked for girls.
- Merit-cum-Mean based Scholarship Scheme - The Scholarship is awarded for pursuing professional and technical courses at under-graduate and post-graduate levels, in institutions recognized by the appropriate authority. Under the scheme, 30% Scholarships are earmarked for girl students. 85 Institutes for professional and

technical courses have been listed in the scheme; for which full course fee is reimbursed.

II. The Department of Higher Education is implementing three Central Sector Schemes under the umbrella scheme “Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsanhan [PM-USP] Yojana”, namely

- Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students;
- Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh aimed specifically at youth of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh to take advantage of the educational institutions outside these UTs and interact with their counterparts from rest of country];
- Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme.

All categories of students in the country including students from Muslim Community are eligible to get financial assistance as per the schematic norms. [The details of these schemes are available in the Ministry’s website: <https://www.education.gov.in/en/pm-usp-scholarships-education-loan>].

III. The University Grants Commission is implementing the following Schemes for weaker sections, including minorities:

- Remedial Coaching for SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer), and Minority Community Students
- Coaching Classes for Entry into Services for SC/ST/OBC (Non Creamy Layer) and Minority Community Students
- Coaching For National Eligibility Test or State Eligibility Test for SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creams Layer), and Minority Community Students.

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