

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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Government Assistance for Education of Minorities

1191. Shri Jawhar Sircar:

Will the Minister of Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the specific Government benefits offered to students from the minority communities in primary education, secondary education, College and University levels;
- (b) whether such benefits have led to any improvement in their educational participation; and
- (c) the details of job skills assisted by Government to the youth of minority communities, and benefits accrued due to it?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): The Government have been implementing various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every strata, including minorities, especially the economically weaker and lesser privileged section of the society, through different Ministries/ Departments. Ministry of Minority Affairs have specifically implemented Scholarship schemes for the students from the minority communities are benefited through the Scholarship Schemes namely, (i) Pre-Matric Scholarship, (ii) Post Matric Scholarship and Merit cum Means based Scholarship.

(b): As per the Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) data of Ministry of Education for the year 2021-22, the ratio of minority community enrollment is 17.8% of the total enrollment from primary to higher secondary level. The data with regard to renewal of the applications under 3 scholarship schemes exhibits the retention ratio has increased during last 3 years.

Scheme-wise, Year-wise Scholarships data of Renewal for the year 2019-20 to 2021-22			
Scheme	Renewal Applications		
	AY 2021-22	AY 2020-21	AY 2019-20
Pre-Matric	2843983	2418354	2269892
Post-Matric	228520	200857	164081
MCM	72343	62079	55800
Total	3144846	2681290	2489773

(c): The ministry extends the opportunity of modern and traditional skill training through various skill development schemes namely 'Seekho Aur Kamao', 'USTTAD' and 'Nai Manzil' for economic development of beneficiaries of six notified minority communities. Beneficiaries through training in modern and traditional skills under these schemes, able to support in generating livelihood through better employment, formation of SHGs, self-employment, industrial placement.
