

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1983
ANSWERED ON 20.12.2023

MERIT-CUM-MEANS SCHOLARSHIP

1983 SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Merit-cum-Means Scholarship for Technical and Professional Courses that have been awarded to students/children belonging to minority communities in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last four years;
- (b) the details of girl students for whom the merit-cum-means scholarship for Technical and Professional Courses have been awarded;
- (c) the details of funds that have been allocated for this purpose;
- (d) whether Government has undertaken any survey/third party audit to assess the drop rates among the minority community students during the last 4 years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): 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 different Ministries. Ministry of Minority Affairs has specifically implemented various schemes, including Pre-Matric, Post Matric and Merit-cum-Means Scholarship schemes, across the country for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the six notified minority communities. All aspects including revision of income criteria for the parents are looked into by the Government.

The details of Merit-cum-Means Scholarship awarded to the students from Minority communities including girls, in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last 4 years are annexed.

(d) to (e): As of now, no such survey/ third party audit has been conducted.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (C) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1983 FOR 20.12.2023 REGARDING 'MERIT-CUM-MEANS SCHOLARSHIP'.

Merit-cum-Means Scholarship details for last 4 years including girls in the State of Andhra Pradesh			
2018-19			
Total no. of applicants	No. of Beneficiaries Male	No. of Beneficiaries Female	Amount (Rs. in Cr.)
2599	1732	867	6.91
2019-20			
3476	2124	1352	9.17
2020-21			
1808	1180	628	4.43
2021-22			
2118	1414	704	5.54