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MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

522. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of applications including renewal for minority scholarship scheme verified by States and how many were found to be non-existent in last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the number of institutional nodal officers & Head of Institutions found missing;
- (c) the number of minority institutions registered on the national scholarship portal had fake beneficiaries in last three years; and
- (d) the quantum of fund released annually under the minority scholarship in last five years, how much amount is involved in such fake accounts/ beneficiaries in last five years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) provides financial assistance to students belonging to minority communities under various schemes of the MoMA namely Pre matric Scholarship, Post matric Scholarship and Merit cum Means based Scholarship. The MoMA has informed that taking cognizance of media reports and irregularities found during physical verification of some institutes and applicants, the MoMA entrusted third party evaluation study and physical verification of institutes and applicants under its scholarship schemes. A total 18,87,776 applications were finally verified for academic year 2022-23, which included fresh as well as renewal applications.

The MoMA has informed that for academic year 2022-23, applications were received for scholarship from about 1,06,422 institutions, out of which 5,422 Institute

Nodal Officers and 4,834 Head of the Institutions did not turn up for bio-metric authentication. After third party evaluation and physical verification of 1572 institutes in 21 States, 830 institutes were found to be either fake or partially-fake or non-operational and the matter has been reported to CBI. The quantum of funds released for different scholarships by the MoMA is available at <https://minorityaffairs.gov.in> .
