GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1249
ANSWERED ON 10/03/2025

EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES FOR MINORITY COMMUNITIES IN ODISHA

1249. SHRI MUZIBULLA KHAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:
(a) the initiatives taken to promote education among minority communities in the State of Odisha;
(b) the number of scholarships provided to students from minority communities in the State during the last three years;
(c) the details of funds allocated for improving educational infrastructure in minority-dominated areas in the State; and
(d) the measures being taken to reduce the school dropout rate among minority children?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a): Ministry of Minority Affairs implements various schemes for socio-economic empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities viz. Muslim, Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Parsi and Sikh including various educational empowerment Schemes such as (i) Pre-Matric, (ii) Post-Matric and (iii) Merit-cum-Means based scholarship schemes which are implemented across the country including the State of Odisha.

(b): The details of Scholarships provided to students in the State during the last three years are as under:

Scheme	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Pre-Matric	17470	25620	700
Post Matric	3146	4030	779
Merit-cum-Means	6	7	5

*   AY 2022-23 data provisional.
**AY 2023-24 - Scheme was not approved.

(c): The detail of funds approved for improving educational infrastructure project units since inception of the Scheme- Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) in minority dominated areas in the State is **annexed**.

(d): The Government has undertaken several steps to encourage education among the children of minority communities across the country for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the notified minority communities and as a result to reduce the dropout rate various scholarship schemes

have been implemented, viz. Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme was approved in January 2008 for class I-X and was applicable upto 2021-22, Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme was launched in November 2007 for class XIth to Ph.D. and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme was launched in the year 2007 for Technical and Professional Courses at under graduate/post graduate level. A very large number of students from minority communities have benefited through these programmes. In all these schemes, 30% Scholarships have been earmarked for girl students of minority community.

In addition to the above, 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 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.

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Details of Educational Infrastructure project units approved since inception of the Scheme-PM Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK)		
Year wise/ sector wise	**Cost (In Rs. lakh)**	**No. of Unit**
2009-10	**33**	**11**
05 Additional Classrooms/ Library/ Lab/ Hall in schools	33	11
2010-11	**1130**	**66**
07 Other Infrastructure in school	320	64
09 ITI/ Additional Infrastructure for ITI	810	2
2012-13	**200**	**100**
05 Additional Classrooms/ Library/ Lab/ Hall in schools	200	100
2013-14	**842.5**	**85**
03 Hostel for school/ ITI/ polytechnic	200	4
05 Additional Classrooms/ Library/ Lab/ Hall in schools	542.5	68
06 SMART Classroom/ Computer Lab/ Teaching Aid in school	100	13
2014-15	**2125**	**7**
03 Hostel for school/ ITI/ polytechnic	70	1
06 SMART Classroom/ Computer Lab/ Teaching Aid in school	50	1
07 Other Infrastructure in school	5	1
09 ITI/ Additional Infrastructure for ITI	2000	4
2018-19	**5550**	**21**
03 Hostel for school/ ITI/ polytechnic	5550	21
Grand Total	**9880.5**	**290**