

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1250**  
ANSWERED ON 10/03/2025

**PRE-METRIC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES**

1250 SHRI PRAKASH CHIK BARAIK:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has reduced funds towards pre metric scholarship scheme from ₹ 1199 crores in 2019-20 to just 326 crores in 2024-25, if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the number of scholarships sanctioned under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme from 2018-19 to 2022-23 has been reduced for West Bengal, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of scholarships sanctioned under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme during last three years, State-wise; and
- (d) the number of scholarships sanctioned under the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme during the last three years, State-wise?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) and (b): The Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009 makes it obligatory for the Government to provide free and compulsory elementary education (classes I to VIII) to each and every child. Accordingly, only students studying in classes IX and X are covered under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme from 2022-23. Due to this obvious reason, the quota and budget has been reduced for all the States including the State of West Bengal, under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme.

(c) and (d): The number of Scholarships sanctioned under Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship Schemes during the last three years are annexed.

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## ANNEXURE

**Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme - Details of scholarships sanctioned for AY 2020-21 to 2022-23**

| S.No. | States/ UTs         | 2020-21                | 2021-22                | 2022-23*               |
|-------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|       |                     | Scholarship Sanctioned | Scholarship Sanctioned | Scholarship Sanctioned |
| 1     | ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR | 2796                   | 3272                   | 97                     |
| 2     | ANDHRA PRADESH      | 152714                 | 175563                 | 8573                   |
| 3     | ARUNACHAL PRADESH   | 0                      | 0                      | 0                      |
| 4     | ASSAM               | 250267                 | 235337                 | 4706                   |
| 5     | BIHAR               | 134270                 | 175287                 | 3001                   |
| 6     | CHANDIGARH          | 1913                   | 1783                   | 44                     |
| 7     | CHHATTISGARH        | 4308                   | 4453                   | 412                    |
| 8     | DELHI               | 8328                   | 12302                  | 546                    |
| 9     | GOA                 | 772                    | 1111                   | 77                     |
| 10    | GUJARAT             | 102873                 | 89543                  | 2796                   |
| 11    | HARYANA             | 9396                   | 25011                  | 994                    |
| 12    | HIMACHAL PRADESH    | 1985                   | 1790                   | 193                    |
| 13    | JAMMU AND KASHMIR   | 466290                 | 389132                 | 8402                   |
| 14    | JHARKHAND           | 14332                  | 14146                  | 683                    |
| 15    | KARNATAKA           | 517527                 | 566291                 | 47922                  |
| 16    | KERALA              | 599692                 | 634299                 | 52879                  |
| 17    | LADAKH              | 14862                  | 11884                  | 292                    |
| 18    | LAKSHADWEEP         | 0                      | 0                      | 0                      |
| 19    | MADHYA PRADESH      | 113780                 | 139638                 | 8573                   |
| 20    | MAHARASHTRA         | 734816                 | 802121                 | 35502                  |
| 21    | MANIPUR             | 47526                  | 52432                  | 4275                   |
| 22    | MEGHALAYA           | 14630                  | 15462                  | 613                    |
| 23    | MIZORAM             | 53129                  | 60784                  | 1236                   |
| 24    | NAGALAND            | 69053                  | 77882                  | 4551                   |
| 25    | ODISHA              | 17470                  | 25620                  | 700                    |

|              |                                                    |                |                |               |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 26           | PUDUCHERRY                                         | 3963           | 4318           | 319           |
| 27           | PUNJAB                                             | 447136         | 503179         | 15748         |
| 28           | RAJASTHAN                                          | 146296         | 188827         | 14881         |
| 29           | SIKKIM                                             | 102            | 513            | 22            |
| 30           | TAMIL NADU                                         | 381455         | 448485         | 49824         |
| 31           | TELANGANA                                          | 156037         | 177571         | 9453          |
| 32           | THE DADRA AND NAGAR<br>HAVELI AND DAMAN AND<br>DIU | 275            | 318            | 9             |
| 33           | TRIPURA                                            | 5723           | 7109           | 391           |
| 34           | UTTAR PRADESH                                      | 747354         | 842938         | 40303         |
| 35           | UTTARAKHAND                                        | 18621          | 21812          | 556           |
| 36           | WEST BENGAL                                        | 273            | 576            | 3             |
| <b>Total</b> |                                                    | <b>5239964</b> | <b>5710789</b> | <b>318576</b> |

**Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme - Details of scholarships sanctioned for AY 2020-21 to 2022-23**

| S.No. | States/ UTs         | 2020-21                | 2021-22                | 2022-23*               |
|-------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|       |                     | Scholarship Sanctioned | Scholarship Sanctioned | Scholarship Sanctioned |
| 1     | ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR | 278                    | 295                    | 44                     |
| 2     | ANDHRA PRADESH      | 12661                  | 15216                  | 3159                   |
| 3     | ARUNACHAL PRADESH   | 0                      | 0                      | 0                      |
| 4     | ASSAM               | 30456                  | 49106                  | 254                    |
| 5     | BIHAR               | 43512                  | 19642                  | 1455                   |
| 6     | CHANDIGARH          | 123                    | 117                    | 6                      |
| 7     | CHHATTISGARH        | 2198                   | 2744                   | 786                    |
| 8     | DELHI               | 3518                   | 2908                   | 372                    |
| 9     | GOA                 | 349                    | 458                    | 84                     |
| 10    | GUJARAT             | 21289                  | 23519                  | 4353                   |
| 11    | HARYANA             | 5194                   | 7824                   | 1206                   |
| 12    | HIMACHAL PRADESH    | 500                    | 637                    | 157                    |

|              |                                                    |               |               |               |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 13           | JAMMU AND KASHMIR                                  | 53725         | 47574         | 5722          |
| 14           | JHARKHAND                                          | 5918          | 5494          | 761           |
| 15           | KARNATAKA                                          | 55081         | 73830         | 17262         |
| 16           | KERALA                                             | 67583         | 74271         | 15787         |
| 17           | LADAKH                                             | 1593          | 905           | 63            |
| 18           | LAKSHADWEEP                                        | 0             | 0             | 0             |
| 19           | MADHYA PRADESH                                     | 20430         | 23622         | 5255          |
| 20           | MAHARASHTRA                                        | 47333         | 42110         | 7137          |
| 21           | MANIPUR                                            | 4497          | 4629          | 701           |
| 22           | MEGHALAYA                                          | 7254          | 5306          | 614           |
| 23           | MIZORAM                                            | 1144          | 1702          | 192           |
| 24           | NAGALAND                                           | 6029          | 6421          | 1272          |
| 25           | ODISHA                                             | 3146          | 4030          | 779           |
| 26           | PUDUCHERRY                                         | 596           | 629           | 115           |
| 27           | PUNJAB                                             | 53450         | 55430         | 7570          |
| 28           | RAJASTHAN                                          | 27404         | 30012         | 7256          |
| 29           | SIKKIM                                             | 85            | 289           | 35            |
| 30           | TAMIL NADU                                         | 44319         | 52409         | 14056         |
| 31           | TELANGANA                                          | 18372         | 20843         | 1736          |
| 32           | THE DADRA AND NAGAR<br>HAVELI AND DAMAN AND<br>DIU | 57            | 78            | 12            |
| 33           | TRIPURA                                            | 1004          | 1766          | 226           |
| 34           | UTTAR PRADESH                                      | 4646          | 134433        | 24639         |
| 35           | UTTARAKHAND                                        | 114388        | 5296          | 729           |
| 36           | WEST BENGAL                                        | 5184          | 6548          | 812           |
| <b>Total</b> |                                                    | <b>663316</b> | <b>720093</b> | <b>124607</b> |

\* AY 2022-23 data provisional.

\*\*AY 2023-24 - Scheme was not approved.