

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3577**  
ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025

**Scheme for girl students for higher education**

3577 # **Dr. Bhim Singh:**

Will the Minister of **EDUCATION** be pleased to state:

- (a) the scheme being run by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to assist meritorious girl students in pursuing higher education;
- (b) the nature of the said scheme and the details of the assistance provided under the said scheme;
- (c) the number of girl students that have benefitted from the said scheme during the last three years; and
- (d) the plans for future improvement and expansion under the said scheme?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

**(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)**

(a) to (d): All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), a statutory body under the Ministry of Education, grants approval for conducting courses in Technical Education at diploma, undergraduate and post graduate levels to Technical Institutions, Institutions deemed to be Universities and standalone institutions.

AICTE also offers various scholarships to motivate and support meritorious students. Under the AICTE Pragati Scheme for Girl Students, AICTE provides scholarship of Rs. 50,000/- per annum to meritorious girl students to encourage them to pursue higher education. The applications for the said scheme are called from eligible students of Institutions running AICTE approved courses through the National Scholarship Portal. The disbursement of scholarship is through DBT mode.

The number of beneficiaries and amount released in respect of the AICTE Pragati Scheme for Girl Students during the last three years, is as follows:

Sl. No.	Financial Year	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
	Name of the Scheme	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount released (In Crores)	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount released (In Crores)	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount released (In Crores)
1	AICTE Pragati Scholarship Scheme (Degree)	9371	43.32	12164	58.5	13457	67.28

2	AICTE Pragati Scholarship Scheme (Diploma)	7444	34.93	11174	55.87	11775	58.87
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In addition to the above, AICTE also offers different scholarships for all meritorious students (both males and females). These include AICTE Saksham (Degree & Diploma) Scholarship Scheme, AICTE Swanath (Degree & Diploma) Scholarship Scheme, AICTE Post Graduate Scholarship Scheme and AICTE Doctoral Fellowship.

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