

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF EX-SERVICEMEN WELFARE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2439**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2025

**STATUS OF PRIME MINISTER'S SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR GIRL STUDENTS**

2439 SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of girl students who have been awarded scholarships under the Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme during each of the last five years;
- (b) whether Government has undertaken any evaluation to assess the socio-economic impact of the scheme on the families of ex-servicemen, widows, and dependents of armed forces personnel;
- (c) if so, the key findings and outcomes of such evaluations or impact assessments; and
- (d) whether any modifications or enhancements to the scheme are being considered based on these findings to further strengthen its impact?

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(SHRI SANJAY SETH)

- (a) Presently 5500 fresh scholarships (2750 each for boys and girls) are awarded each year under the Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme (PMSS) for the wards and widows of Ex-Servicemen. The total number of girl students awarded scholarships under PMSS during last five years is as under:-

Year	Fresh	Renewal	Total
2020-21	2739	2704	5443
2021-22	2750	5142	7892
2022-23	2750	5157	7907
2023-24	2750	4854	7604
2024-25	2750	5600	8350

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Not applicable in view of the (b) above.
- (d) Considering the wide and pan India outreach of PMSS, the increase in number of applications and education costs, the number and amount of scholarships under PMSS are

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revised upwardly from time to time. The details of revision/enhancement of PMSS over the years is under:-

Year of Institution/Revision	No. of Scholarships	Scholarship Amount (Per Year)	
		Boys	Girls
2006-07	4000	15,000/-	18,000/-
2012-13	4000	24,000/-	27,000/-
2015-16	5500	24,000/-	27,000/-
2019-20	5500	30,000/-	36,000/-

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