

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 127  
ANSWERED ON 01/12/2025

**SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES FOR MINORITY STUDENTS**

127. SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of pre-matric and post-matric scholarship beneficiaries for minority students in each year since FY 2020–21; and  
(b) the total number of scholarship and fellowship schemes discontinued since 2014 along with their names and details?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a): Ministry of Minority Affairs has implemented Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for 6 notified religious minority communities. However, the schemes have not been approved for implementation beyond 2021-22. The number of beneficiaries under the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scheme since 2020-21 is as under:

Scheme	Year		
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23*
Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme	52,39,964	57,10,789	3,18,576
Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme	6,63,316	7,20,093	1,24,607

\*Only renewal cases had been disbursed for the year 2022-23.

(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, Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme has been restricted to students studying in classes IX and X. Further, Maulana Azad National Fellowship and Padho Pardesh interest subsidy scheme for overseas studies had been discontinued from year 2022-23 in view of apparent overlap with similar schemes of other Ministries and ease of availing education loans on lower rates of interest.

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