

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1724
ANSWERED ON 15/12/2025

**DISCONTINUATION OF NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP, OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIP,
FREE COACHING**

1724. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) data on students affected by discontinuation of National Fellowship, Overseas Scholarship, Free Coaching since 2022, community-wise, State-wise;
- (b) district-wise pending PMJVK project approvals (2020-25), fund utilisation details and reasons for delays;
- (c) the timeline for completing scholarship "harmonisation", month-wise progress reports since 2022-23 and exact restoration date for Pre-Matric/Post-Matric schemes;
- (d) State-wise targets vs achievements for PM VIKAS after merging 5 schemes, number of livelihood projects sanctioned vs completed (2023-25);
- (e) audit findings on Ministry's fund underutilisation, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) number of schemes faced RE budget cuts due to poor spending (2019-25)?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJIU)

(a): No such evaluation had been done as the schemes had been discontinued with cognizant reasons.

(b): Ministry is implementing Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakran (PMJVK), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, for creation of community infrastructure in the minority concentration areas of the country in the sectors viz. health, skill development, education (Smart Classes & Labs), women centric projects, drinking water and sanitation, sports, renewal energy, tourism, animal husbandry and other community infrastructure. For effective implementation of PMJVK and to ensure optimum utilization of funds, the States/UTs have been given flexibility to use the funds released under the scheme which are not tied to individual projects. Funds are released on a lump sum basis to State/UTs and States/UTs have the flexibility to utilize the funds as per their priorities.

(c): Revision of scheme guidelines and procedural changes under a scheme is a continuous process. No timeline in this regard is available.

(d): The scheme guidelines of Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PMVIKAS) were approved in January 2025 due to which, allocation of targets commenced in 2025. Thus, no target allocation was done from 2023-24. However, the State-wise allocated targets and number of youth enrolled till date during 2025-26 is as annexed.

(e) and (f): Funds under Scholarship Schemes could not be spent as the scheme has not been approved for implementation beyond 2021-22.

ANNEXURE

(Annexure as mentioned in reply to part (d) of the Rajya Sabha unstarred question No.1724 answered on 15.12.2025 on the subject of “Discontinuation of national fellowship, overseas scholarship, free coaching” asked by Shri Sanjay Singh)

State-wise bifurcation of targets allocated under PM VIKAS Scheme

State/UT	Target allocated
Andhra Pradesh	3150
Arunachal Pradesh	1550
Assam	12010
Bihar	4725
Chattisgarh	260
Delhi	9140
Goa	270
Haryana	3250
J&K	14310
Jharkhand	8120
Karnataka	4175
Kerala	1840
Madhya Pradesh	9595
Maharashtra	10815
Meghalaya	1540
Mizoram	210
Nagaland	1050
Odisha	1400
Punjab	16800
Rajasthan	2870
Sikkim	210
Tamil Nadu	300
Telangana	3300
Tripura	1350
Uttar Pradesh	17430
Uttarakhand	5780
West Bengal	4750
Grand Total	1,40,200