

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 80
ANSWERED ON 27.07.2026

EDUCATIONAL EMPOWERMENT OF MINORITY COMMUNITIES

***80. SHRI IMRAN PRATAPGARHI:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of beneficiaries under minority scholarship schemes during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the funds allocated, released and utilized;
- (c) the number of educational institutions supported under central schemes; and
- (d) the measures taken to improve educational outcomes among minority students?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *80 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2026 ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SHRI IMRAN PRATAPGARHI REGARDING "EDUCATIONAL EMPOWERMENT OF MINORITY COMMUNITIES"

(a) & (b): Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India implements three Scholarship Schemes i.e. Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Schemes across the country for six notified minority communities, viz. Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Parsi and Sikh. All these three-scholarship schemes are not in operation beyond 2021-2022. However, funds have been released beyond 2021-22 as committed liabilities. The details of funds allocated, released and utilized during the last three years are at **ANNEXURE-I**.

(c) The Educational institutions in the Country are being supported under schemes of various Ministries/Departments including Ministry of Education, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Ministry of Tribal Affairs etc. The number of such educational Institutions to whom the support is extended under the Central Scheme is not maintained centrally.

(d) The Ministry of Minority Affairs improves educational outcomes for minority students through targeted scholarship schemes (Pre-Matric, Post-Matric, and Merit-cum-Means), combined with infrastructure-focused PMJVK scheme establishes schools and hostels in minority-concentrated districts.

Besides, low-interest, highly concessional educational loans managed by the National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) to facilitate domestic and international professional courses also help in improvement of educational outcomes.

ANNEXURE-I

The Funds Allocated, Released and utilized during the last three years as committed liabilities:

Year	Scheme	Allocation (₹ In Cr.)	Expenditure (₹ In Cr.)	Number of Beneficiaries
2023-24	Pre-Matric	400.00	95.84*	298454
	Post-Matric	1000.00	85.02*	118872
	Merit-cum-Means	25.00	152.74*	56679
2024-25	Pre-Matric	90.00	1.55*	3537
	Post-Matric	343.91	5.31**	--
	Merit-cum-Means	19.41	3.50*	1302
2025-26	Pre-Matric	0.06	0.00	--
	Post-Matric	0.06	0.00	--
	Merit-cum-Means	0.06	0.00	--

*Including Administrative Expenses

** Administrative Expenses only