

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.\*107  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23/11/2016**

**MERIT-CUM-MEANS BASED SCHOLARSHIP**

\* 107. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether scholarships are provided under merit-cum-means based scholarship scheme for minorities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Rajasthan for the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the working/implementation of the scheme and if so, the outcome thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

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

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**Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. \*107 for answer on 23.11.2016 raised by Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat regarding “Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship”**

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. For the educational empowerment of minority students all over the Country, including State of Rajasthan, the Ministry of Minority Affairs provides financial assistance through scholarship schemes under Merit-cum-means (MCM) based Scholarship Scheme for professional and technical courses. The number of scholarships awarded under Merit-cum-means based scholarship scheme, State-wise including State of Rajasthan, for the last three years and current year is Annexed.

(c) : Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme has been evaluated by the Ministry of Minority Affairs through Research & Development Initiative (RDI) in 2013. Major findings of the impact assessment of the scheme are as under:

“The Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme has been able to meet its objectives to a large extent. It has reached the most deprived in the minority communities; raised their demand for technical and professional education; somewhat reduced the financial burden of poor parents; enabled a large proportion of beneficiaries to stay through their technical/professional course; improved their performance levels; and more significantly raised their aspirations for further study. These perceived impacts of the Merit-cum means based Scholarship Scheme is statistically significant. The scheme has contributed significantly towards the developmental objective of empowering the minority communities through education”.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.\*107 FOR ANSWER ON 23.11.2016 RAISED BY SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT REGARDING "MERIT-CUM-MEANS BASED SCHOLARSHIP**

**State/UT-wise Physical Achievements under Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme for students belonging to the minority communities during the last three years and current year**

S.No.	States/UTs	Merit-cum Means Scholarship Scheme			
		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16*	2016-17
		Scholarship sanctioned			
1	Andhra Pradesh	1492	526	1166	The last date for submission of online application by students on National Scholarship Portal (NSP 2.0) is 30.11.2016
2	Telangana		1238	1906	
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1	0	0	
4	Assam	3710	3886	4647	
5	Bihar	6417	13393	11001	
6	Chhattisgarh	339	614	544	
7	Goa	108	163	167	
8	Gujarat	2607	4821	4431	
9	Haryana	865	1109	1232	
10	Himachal Pradesh	153	129	99	
11	Jammu & Kashmir	2317	6519	5744	
12	Jharkhand	1736	1498	2011	
13	Karnataka	5526	19814	16262	
14	Kerala	15602	25844	31665	
15	Madhya Pradesh	1347	2954	2679	
16	Maharashtra	7113	5230	6494	
17	Manipur	519	437	391	
18	Meghalaya	706	884	1056	
19	Mizoram	97	0	94	
20	Nagaland	1006	1160	1277	
21	Odisha	606	550	550	
22	Punjab	11231	10367	8840	
23	Rajasthan	2769	2783	5239	
24	Sikkim	146	78	82	
25	Tamil Nadu	5149	5747	5219	
26	Tripura	138	115	180	
27	Uttar Pradesh	16942	16861	17306	
28	Uttarakhand	572	577	698	
29	West Bengal	10506	10696	12461	
30	Andaman & Nicobar	9	0	4	
31	Chandigarh	32	40	33	
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	2	
33	Daman & Diu	7	4	4	
34	Delhi	613	693	1029	
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	
36	Puducherry	47	40	54	
<b>Total</b>		<b>100428</b>	<b>138770</b>	<b>144567</b>	

**\* Provisional figures (as on 31.10.2016). Disbursement of scholarships 2015-16 still continues.**