

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.787
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2017**

PADHO PARDESH SCHEME

787: SHRI K.C.VENUGOPAL

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people who have availed the scheme of Padho Pardesh for overseas studies so far; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to promote overseas studies and research among minority students?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a) & (b): To promote overseas studies and research among minority students, this Ministry has been implementing a scheme namely "Padho Pardesh - Scheme of Interest subsidy on education loan for overseas studies for the minority students". Under the scheme, interest subsidy is provided to the minority students on the education loan taken for pursuing overseas studies at Masters and M.Phil/Ph.D level courses. Detailed Scheme guideline is available on the website of this Ministry i.e. www.minorityaffairs.gov.in."

As on 30.11.2017, total number of 2851 minority students (including renewals) have availed the benefit of interest subsidy under the scheme.
