GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2953

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH MARCH, 2018/ PHALGUNA 22, 1939 (SAKA)

PRADHAN MANTRI CHHATRAVRITI YOJANA

†2953. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched Pradhan Mantri Chhatravriti Yojana for the children of Jammu and Kashmir State;
- (b) the reasons for not giving the said scholarship to the children of refugees from West Pakistan Refugees (WPRs);
- (c) whether the Government proposes to implement this scheme for the children of West Pakistan Refugees; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented by the Government?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) to (d): Yes Madam. The Pradhan Mantri Chhatravriti Yojana i.e. Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS) is being implemented by Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt of India.

The eligibility conditions of the Scheme as per information from Ministry of Human Resource Development are :

- Student must have a domicile of J&K.
- Student must have either passed Class XII from schools of Jammu
 & Kashmir or Polytechnic Diploma from the recognized Polytechnic
 Institutes of State.
- Must have secured admission outside the State as per the requirements
- Having family income less than Rs. 6 Lac per annum.

Ministry of Human Resource Development has informed that under the Scheme one of the eligibility is that the student should have domicile of J&K. Since the children of refugees from West Pakistan (WPRs) do not have domicile of the State, they are not eligible for seeking scholarship under the Scheme.
