

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2140
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.07.2019**

SCHOLARSHIPS TO MINORITIES

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scholarships are being provided to minorities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is proposed to increase the amount of scholarships considering the inflation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a)& (b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) is implementing the following scholarship schemes for educational empowerment of six centrally notified Minority communities viz. Jain, Buddhist, Sikh, Zoroastrian (Parsi), Muslim and Christian:

- (i) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme- The scholarship is provided to minority students studying in class I to X in Government/ recognized Private schools.
- (ii) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme- The scholarship is provided to minority students studying in Class XI to Ph.D level in Government/ recognized Private schools/Colleges/Institutes.
- (iii) Merit-cum-Mean based Scholarship Scheme - The scholarship is awarded for pursuing professional and technical courses at under-graduate and post-graduate levels, in institutions recognized by the appropriate authority.

In all the above schemes, 30% Scholarships are earmarked for girl students.

The detailed scheme guidelines of these schemes are available on the website of Ministry i.e. www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.

The government during the last five years has provided 3.18 crores scholarships to students from amongst the six centrally notified Minorities namely, Jain, Buddhist, Sikh, Parsi, Muslim and Christian. Out of these, girls constitute more than 50% of the beneficiaries. During the next five years, the Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) proposes to provide Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means scholarships to five crore economically Weaker-section students from the six centrally notified Minority communities. This will include more than 50% of girl students. The three scholarship schemes are now being implemented through the National Scholarship Portal and since 2015, the scholarships schemes are being implemented under direct benefit transfer (DBT) mode to improve the efficiency and bring transparency by removing duplicity and stopping pilferages.

	Total Population of Minorities	Pre Matric	Post Matric	Merit cum Means	Total Beneficiaries	Proportionate beneficiaries out of Minorities population
		Ben(No.)	Ben(No.)	Ben(No.)		
Muslim	172245158	20974526	2645897	451864	24072287	13.98
Christian	27819588	3193073	396388	95175	3684636	13.24
Sikh	20833116	2130441	344440	42286	2517167	12.08
Buddhist	8442972	759126	20464	2549	782139	9.26
Jain	4451753	282410	76243	20791	379444	8.52
Parsi	57264	3283	457	53	3793	6.62
TOTAL	233849851	27342859	3483889	612718	31439466	

*Apart from above, Begum Hazrat Mahal Scholarship for Meritorious Girls by MAEF: 4,41,002 in 5 years.

(c)& (d):The government considers changes in schemes from time to time. The Schemes are proposed to be rationalised while extending them to the next cycle, concurrent to the 15th Finance Commission.
