

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2231
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.07.2019**

Scholarships for Minority Students

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has announced scholarships for 5 crore students from minority community during the next five years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the criteria fixed for giving such scholarships;
- (c) whether the Government has focused on girl students who have dropped out of Madrassas and main stream schools by providing them bridge courses and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the plan chalked out for Madrassa teachers for awarding them quality training in madrassas?

ANSWER

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

(a)& (b) Yes, Sir. 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	

(c) From the year 2017-18, the Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF), an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Minority Affairs, in its scheme Begum Hazrat Mahal Scholarship for Meritorious Girls decided to extend the scholarships to economically weaker minority girl students from all the six centrally notified Minority communities studying in classes 9th and 10th, besides classes 11th and 12th and to girls, who have passed same level of exam from recognized Madarsa also. Also, this Ministry is providing financial assistance to Jamia Millia Islamia Delhi & Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh for running Bridge course for Madarsa students as well as school dropouts under the pilot project of Nai Manzil. Bridge course is being provided to Madarsa students/dropouts for helping them to continue mainstream education. After completion of the bridge course, these students become eligible for admission in various regular courses of Universities at graduate level.

(d) To narrow down the gap between mainstream school education and the Madarsa school system, the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MoHRD) is implementing an Umbrella Scheme for Providing Education to Madaras/Minorities (SPEMM), which comprises two Schemes namely Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madaras (SPQEM) & Infrastructure Development in Minority Institutions (IDMIs). These Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implemented at National level & are voluntary in nature.

The objective of SPQEM is to encourage traditional institutions like Madaras and Maktabas by giving financial assistance to introduce Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Hindi and English in their curriculum; to provide opportunities to students of these institutions to acquire education comparable to the National Education System especially for secondary and senior secondary levels; to strengthen State Madrasa Boards opting for assistance and to provide for

in-service training of teachers appointed under the scheme, for teaching modern subjects of Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Hindi, and English.

The objective of IDMI is to facilitate education of minorities by augmenting and strengthening school infrastructure in Minority Institutions (Elementary/Secondary/Senior Secondary Schools) and to encourage educational facilities for girls, children with special needs.
