

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1486
ANSWERED ON 15.12.2022

NATIONAL MERIT-CUM-MEANS SCHOLARSHIP IN ODISHA

1486. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Merit-cum-Means Scholarship is being implemented in the State of Odisha and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether all applications made within the State quota of Odisha have been approved for direct benefit transfer under the Scheme between 2017-22 and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the scholarship amount has been transferred to all beneficiaries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of the number of applications made within the State quota of Odisha and the number of actual beneficiaries in Odisha under the scheme between 2017-22?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements the Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme all over the country including Odisha to award scholarships to the students pursuing technical and professional courses at under graduate and post graduate levels. The annual quota, for fresh scholarships, for Odisha under the Scheme is 544, besides renewal which are disbursed to all eligible beneficiaries. 6,654 applications were verified by the State during 2017-18 to 2021-22 out of which 2,633 were eligible for payment. 2,622 applicants have been disbursed the scholarship through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode and the DBT payment of the remaining 11 candidates were rejected.
