

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
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Disbursal of Scholarships

1194. SHRI B.B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the targets and achievements made under Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship schemes during the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there is a delay in disbursal of the scholarship leading to cases of drop out among minority students; and
- (c) if so, the reasons for such discrepancies and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to resolve such issues?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): The Government has implemented various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every strata, including minorities, especially the economically weaker and lesser privileged sections of the society, through various schemes of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Rural Development.

Ministry of Minority Affairs has specifically implemented various schemes, including Pre-Matric, Post Matric and Merit-cum-Means Scholarship schemes, across the country for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the six notified minority communities.

The details on the targets and achievements made under Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship schemes during the last three years are given in the following table:

Name of the Scheme	Year	Target (in Lakh) Fresh	Achievement including Renewals (in Lakh)
Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme	2019-20	30	55.67
	2020-21	30	52.39
	2021-22	30	57.42
Post Matric Scholarship Scheme	2019-20	5	7.44
	2020-21	5	6.63
	2021-22	5	7.21
Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme	2019-20	0.30	1.19
	2020-21	0.30	1.20
	2021-22	0.30	1.32

The Ministry has entrusted National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) to undertake 'Monitoring and Evaluation of Central Government Minority Scholarship Scheme', wherein some irregularities have been noticed. The Ministry has taken action in this regard to make the scholarship disbursement process more transparent and seamless.
