

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.753
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.11.2019**

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES FOR MINORITY STUDENTS

753. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are any Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for students belonging to minority communities and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of minority communities that are under purview of these schemes;
- (c) the total estimated budget for these schemes for the upcoming year; and
- (d) the number of students who are expected to benefit from these schemes annually?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) is implementing the following three Scholarship schemes for the educational empowerment of students or beneficiaries belonging to six centrally notified Minority communities i.e. Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Sikh and Zoroastrian (Parsi) in all states across the country:

(i) **Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme-** The scholarship is provided to minority students studying in class I to X in Government/ recognized Private schools. Minimum 30% scholarships are earmarked for girls. To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/guardian's income of more than Rs.1.00 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class.

(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. Minimum 30% scholarships are earmarked for girls. To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/guardian's income more than Rs.2.00 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class.

(iii) **Merit-cum-Means 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. Under the scheme, 30% Scholarships are earmarked for girl students. 85 institutes for professional and technical courses have been listed in the scheme for which full course fee is reimbursed. To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/guardian's income more than Rs.2.50 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class.

(c) The Budget Estimate under the three Scholarship Schemes for the year 2019-20 is as below:

S.No.	Name of Scheme	Funds Allocated (In Rs Crore)
1.	Pre matric Scholarship Scheme	1220.30
2.	Post matric Scholarship Scheme	496.01
3.	Merit cum Means based Scholarship Scheme	366.43

(d) Under the fresh quota, 30 lakhs, 5 lakhs and 60,000 students get Scholarship under the Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Schemes each year respectively. In addition, renewal Scholarships is also given under the three Scholarship schemes to all the eligible students every year. More than 60 Lakh students benefit from these schemes annually.
