

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2851  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2021**

**SCHOLARSHIPS TO MINORITY STUDENTS**

**2851. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of pre-matric, post-matric, merit-cum-means and other scholarships disbursed by the Government to the minority students during each of the last three years; and
- (b) the manner in which the number of such scholarships is likely to be increased to five crore during the next five years?

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements Pre-Matric, Post Matric, Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes and Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship Scheme for the educational empowerment of students belonging to six notified minority communities i.e. Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Parsi and Sikh in all States/UTs across the country. During the last seven years more than 4.52 Crore scholarships have been provided to the eligible students belonging to the minority communities, out of which 53 % have been given to the girl students. The number of scholarships approved during the last three years i.e. 2018-19 to 2020-21 are as under:

Year	Number of Scholarship approved
2018-19	<b>66,93,890</b>
2019-20	<b>67,24,551</b>
2020-21	<b>63,40,579</b>

The three Scholarship Schemes being implemented by the Ministry is an ongoing process.

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