

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1842**  
ANSWERED ON 09.12.2021

**SCHOLARSHIP FOR MINORITY STUDENTS**

1842. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that more than 8 lakh applications have been received from Andhra Pradesh between 2018-19 and 2020-21 for pre-matric scholarship for minorities;
- (b) if so, whether only a little more than 50 per cent applications have been sanctioned;
- (c) the reasons for rejecting/not sanctioning scholarship for remaining applicants;
- (d) the details of scholarship amount revised previously; and
- (e) Whether there is any proposal to increase the scholarship and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. Against the annual allocation/quota of 56,889 fresh scholarships (1,70,667 scholarships for three years) for Andhra Pradesh, a total of 8,03,358 applications were received for the years 2018-19 to 2020-21 under Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for six notified minority communities.. The State verified 5,95,679 applications and so far 4,43,837 scholarships have been sanctioned and disbursement of Scholarships for 2020-21 is still continuing. The annual allocation of a State is dependent on the available budget and the population of minorities in the respective States.

The scholarship schemes for minorities are implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs as per the scheme guideline which is available on the Ministry website [www.minorityaffairs.gov.in](http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in) . All aspects including raising the number and amount of scholarships will be looked into by the Ministry during the process of scheme revision which is a continuous process. The Budget Allocation for pre-matric scholarship scheme has increased from Rs. 950 crore in 2013-14 to Rs. 1378 crore in 2021-22.

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