

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3621
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20-12-2021**

NMMSS Scheme

3621. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount sanctioned and the number of beneficiaries in National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) from its launch till now; and
- (b) whether the Government proposes to extend this scheme to Students of Jawhar Navodaya Vidyalayas and Kendriya Vidyalayas and residential school?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)**

(a): The Central Sector Scheme 'National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme(NMMSS)' was launched in May, 2008 with the objective to award scholarships to meritorious students of economically weaker sections to arrest their drop out at class VIII and encourage them to continue their studies at secondary stage.

From its launch in Financial year 2008-09 upto 31st March 2021, the amount sanctioned is Rs.1783.03 crores covering 22,06,289 beneficiaries under NMMSS. The process of release of scholarship payments for 2021-22 is ongoing.

(b): The scholarship under NMMS Scheme can be availed by students coming under the parental income ceiling limit, studying as regular students in Government, Government-aided and local body schools. There is no such proposal to extend this Scheme to students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas and Kendriya Vidyalayas.
