

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 308
FOR ANSWER ON 24.03.2022

FUNDS FOR MINORITY EDUCATION

*308. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether people belonging to minority religions constitute about nineteen per cent of the total population of the country and if so, the details thereof along with the percentage of allocation made to the Ministry of Minority Affairs compared to the total budget of the Union Government;
- (b) whether it is a fact that only a negligible percentage of the total budget is allocated to the Ministry of Minority Affairs and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures, if any, taken by the Government to address this issue and enhance allocation of funds;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that the budget allocation for education of minorities was drastically reduced in the current budget and if so, the steps taken by the Government to increase the allocation;
- (e) the funds allocated in the current budget for post-matric scholarship of the students belonging to minority communities; and
- (f) the details of the minority students receiving post-matric scholarship between 2014 and 2021, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

- (a) to (f): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (f) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No 308 for answer on 24.03.2022 regarding Funds for Minority Education

(a) As per Census 2011, total population of six notified minority communities in the country is 23.39 crore out of a total population of 121.09 crore i.e. about 19.3% of total population.

The Government has implemented various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every section of the society including minorities especially the economically weaker and deprived sections of the society with schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM KISAN), Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna, Pradhan Mantri Har Ghar Jal Yojna etc. Further, Ministry of Minority Affairs implements various programmes/schemes with a focused approach on the socio-economic welfare of six centrally notified minority communities namely Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Muslims, Parsis and Jains across the country.

In 2021-22, Union Budget was of Rs. 3483236 crore which benefited every section of the society including minorities out of which Ministry of Minority Affairs was allotted budget of Rs. 4810.77 crore for focused approach on socio-economic and educational empowerment of minorities.

(b) & (c) No, sir. The budget of Ministry of Minority Affairs has been enhanced from Rs. 3130.84 crore in 2013-14 to Rs. 5020.50 crore in 2022-23. The allocation of Rs 5020.50 crore allotted to Ministry of Minority Affairs during 2022-23 is specifically for empowerment of Minority communities. In addition to this, allocation is also made for various sectors such as education, health and family welfare, agriculture, skill development, women and child development, disabilities, tribal affairs, irrigation, shipping, roadways, railways, civil aviation, sports etc. which are utilized for the benefits of all the citizens of India including minority communities.

(d) The budget allocation for education of minority communities which was Rs 1888.50 crore in 2013-14 has been increased to Rs 2515.00 crore in BE 2022-23.

(e) An amount of Rs 468.00 crore has been allocated in the current budget for post-matric scholarship of the students belonging to minority communities.

(f) The details of minority students who received post-matric scholarship between 2014 and 2021, State-wise is given in the Annexure.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (f) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No 308 for answer on 24.03.2022 regarding Funds for Minority Education showing number of minority students availed post-matric Scholarship from 2014-15 to 2020-21 State-wise.

S.No.	States/Uts	Total
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	83439
2	TELANGANA	109648
3	ASSAM	217723
4	BIHAR	324839
5	CHHATTISGARH	15550
6	GOA	1507
7	GUJARAT	168654
8	HARYANA	25808
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	3384
10	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	280260
11	JHARKHAND	84140
12	KARNATAKA	402112
13	KERALA	457951
14	LADAKH	1593
15	MADHYA PRADESH	118928
16	MAHARASHTRA	342470
17	MANIPUR	30382
18	MEGHALAYA	37239
19	MIZORAM	7426
20	NAGALAND	26692
21	ODISHA	21807
22	PUNJAB	433841
23	RAJASTHAN	195896
24	SIKKIM	1272
25	TAMIL NADU	311086
26	TRIPURA	7004
27	UTTAR PRADESH	662295
28	UTTARAKHAND	22313
29	WEST BENGAL	570891
30	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR	363
31	CHANDIGARH	1304
32	THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	371
33	DELHI	14971
34	PUDUCHERRY	2678
	Total	4985837