

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
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SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

355. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of applications received by the Government from meritorious students of minority communities for Post-matric, Pre-matric and Merit-cum-Means scholarship during the last five years;
- (b) the details about the number of applicants for each scholarship separately, year and scheme-wise;
- (c) the number out of them who succeeded in getting scholarship during the above said period along with the details of the beneficiaries, year and scheme-wise; and
- (d) the amount of funds allocated and spent for these scholarship schemes, year and scheme-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements three Scholarship Schemes viz. Pre-Matric, Post Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for the educational empowerment of students belonging to economically weaker sections of the six notified minority communities i.e. Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Parsi and Sikh in all States/UTs across the country. A total of thirty (30) lakh Pre-Matric, 5 lakh Post Matric and 60,000 Merit-cum-Means scholarships are targeted to be distributed as 'Fresh' Scholarships every year, besides, Renewal scholarships. The three scholarship schemes are being implemented through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) and are being disbursed under direct benefit transfer (DBT) mode to improve the efficiency and bring transparency by removing duplicity and stopping pilferages.

The details of number of applications received, verified by States/UTs and sanctioned by the Ministry of Minority Affairs under the above mentioned schemes during 2016-17 to 2021-22 are as under:

Year	Pre-Matric Scholarship	
	Number of verified applications received	Number of applications Sanctioned
2016-17	74,25,553	41,53,524
2017-18	85,70,708	53,11,257
2018-19	86,88,465	56,91,854
2019-20	70,84,410	55,68,025
2020-21*	60,38,248	52,29,148
2021-22**	78,29,283	24,05,498
Total	4,56,36,667	2,83,59,306
Post Matric Scholarship Scheme		
2016-17	13,65,838	6,24,990
2017-18	14,07,780	6,98,069
2018-19	12,80,958	6,84,265
2019-20	11,24,202	7,43,141
2020-21*	11,61,252	6,62,912
2021-22**	9,91,534	1,38,105
Total	73,31,564	35,51,482
Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme		
2016-17	189584	121937
2017-18	180421	119472
2018-19	180274	117771
2019-20	145398	118359
2020-21*	137340	120208
2021-22**	118351	52720
Total	9,51,368	6,50,467

* Disbursement of Scholarships for 2020-21 continues in 2021-22.

** It includes sanction for finally verified renewal applications of 2021-22 only. Disbursement for fresh application 2021-22 is yet to begin.

(d): The details of budget allocated and released under the above mentioned schemes from 2016-17 to 2021-22 are as under:-

(In ₹ Crore)

Scheme	Pre-Matric		Post Matric		Merit-Cum-Means	
	Budget Allocated	Amount Released	Budget Allocated	Amount Released	Budget Allocated	Amount Released
2016-17	931.00	585.94	550.00	287.11	335.00	220.54
2017-18	950.00	1108.13	550.00	479.72	393.54	388.79
2018-19	980.00	1176.19	692.00	354.89	522.00	261.17
2019-20	1220.30	1324.84	496.01	428.77	366.43	285.63
2020-21	1330.00	1325.54	535.00	512.81	400.00	396.34
2021-22	1378.00	474.52*	468.00	80.58*	325.00	134.09*
Total	6789.30	5995.16	3291.01	2143.88	2341.97	1686.56

*Expenditure as on 31.01.2022.
