

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
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PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether more than eight lakh applications have been received from Andhra Pradesh between 2018-19 and 2020-21 for pre-matric scholarship for minorities and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether only a little more than fifty per cent (4.3 lakh) have been sanctioned and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for rejecting/not sanctioning scholarship for remaining applicants;
- (d) the time/date when scholarship amount was last revised; and
- (e) whether there is any proposal to increase the amount of scholarship, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) to (e): For the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, 5,95,679 State verified applications were received and so far 4,43,858 scholarships which is around 75% of the received applications, have been sanctioned including renewals and disbursement of Scholarships for 2020-21 is still continuing. The annual allocation for Andhra Pradesh has been earmarked under the Scheme based on the overall community-wise minority population of all six notified minorities in the State as per Census 2011. The scholarship schemes are budget driven and not demand driven with a fixed annual fresh quota.

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 . 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.
