

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2479
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022

PARTICIPATION OF MINORITIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

2479. SHRI MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether only 7.55 per cent of students are from Minority communities in higher education as found in All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has analysed the reasons for lack of participation of minority communities in higher education and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the efforts made or proposed to be made by the Government to improve the participation of minority communities in higher education?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (c) As per the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2019-20, 7.76% of the students enrolled in Higher Education at various levels (undergraduate, post-graduate, M.Phil & Ph.D) are from the six minority communities, namely, Muslims, Buddhists, Jains, Christians, Sikhs and Parsis. Between 2013-14 and 2019-20, the enrolment of students in higher education from Minority communities has increased by nearly 47%. The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) also emphasizes on Equitable and Inclusive Education by focusing on Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) which includes students from minority communities. Further, the Government is implementing various schemes for providing financial assistance to all categories of students including students from minority communities. The details of these schemes are available in the following websites:

Sl. No.	Ministry/ Department	Website links
1.	Department of Higher Education	https://www.education.gov.in/en/pm-usp-scholarships-education-loan
2.	University Grants Commission	https://www.ugc.ac.in/page/scholarships-and-fellowships.aspx

3.	All India Council for Technical Education	https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/rifd/Scholarship-Schemes
4.	Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment	https://socialjustice.gov.in/scheme-cat
5.	Ministry of Tribal Affairs	https://tribal.nic.in/ScholarshiP.aspx
6.	Ministry of Minority Affairs	https://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/en/schemesperformance/scholarship-schemes
7.	Ministry of Science and Technology	https://dst.gov.in/scholarships-awards , https://csirhrdg.res.in/Home/Index/1/Default/2649/60 , https://dbtindia.gov.in/schemes-programmes/building-capacities/national-fellowships/dbt-junior-research-fellowship-dbtjrf
