

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †3063
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SCHOLARSHIP TO MINORITIES

†3063. SHRI BALAK NATH:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is providing scholarship to the minorities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to increase the amount of the said scholarships; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Minority Affairs is providing scholarship to the students belonging to 6 notified minority communities namely, Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Sikh and Zoroastrian (Parsi) under the following Schemes:

i. Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme- The scholarship is provided to minority students studying in class I to X in Government/ recognized private schools. Minimum 30% scholarships are earmarked for girls. To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/guardian's income of more than ₹ 1.00 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class.

ii. Post Matric Scholarship Scheme- The scholarship is provided to minority students studying in Class XI to Ph.D level in Government/recognized Private schools/Colleges/Institutes. Minimum 30% scholarships are earmarked for girls. To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/guardian's income of more than ₹ 2.00 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class.

iii. Merit-cum-Mean based Scholarship Scheme- The scholarship is awarded for pursuing professional and technical courses at under-graduate and post-graduate levels, in institutions recognized by the appropriate authority. Under the scheme, 30% Scholarships are earmarked for girl students. 85 institutes have been listed in the scheme; for which full course fee is reimbursed. To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/guardian's income of more than ₹ 2.50 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class.

iv. Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship (BHMNS) Scheme- BHMNS is a Scheme for girl students belonging to the minority communities, studying in Class IX to XII, to recognise, promote and assist girl students who cannot continue their education due to lack of financial support. The students should not have annual parental/guardian's income of more than ₹ 2.00 lakh and should have secured minimum of 50% marks in the final examination of the previous class.

(c) & (d): All aspects including increasing the scholarship amount are looked into by the Ministry during the process of Scheme revision which is a continuous process.
