

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 3460  
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**National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme**

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Will the Minister of **EDUCATION** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) is being implemented by the Government and if so, the criteria for the selection of the beneficiaries;
- (b) whether the said scheme has been implemented in Madhya Pradesh and if so, the number of the beneficiaries benefitted under the said scheme during the last five years district-wise and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the beneficiaries under the said scheme in Balaghat and Seoni districts, M.P.?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)**

**(a) :** Yes, the Central Sector Scheme 'National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme(NMMSS) is being implemented by the Government since 2008 with the objective to award scholarships to meritorious students of economically weaker sections to arrest their drop out at class VIII and encourage them to continue the study at secondary stage. One lakh fresh scholarships @ of Rs.12000/- per annum per student are awarded to selected students of class IX every year and their continuation/renewal in classes X to XII for study in a State Government, Government-aided and Local body schools under the scheme. The selection of students for award of scholarships under the scheme is made through an examination conducted by the State Governments. Students studying in class VIII, who had secured more than 55% in class VII annual exam, can appear for the NMMSS selection exam. The exam comprises of Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and Mental Ability Test (MAT). Students who get minimum 40% in the NMMSS selection exam and 55% in class VIII annual exam are eligible for the scholarship. There is relaxation of criteria for students belonging to SC, ST. Details of the scheme are available at Ministry of Education website <https://dsel.education.gov.in/nmmss>. The scheme is boarded on National Scholarship Portal (NSP) for receipt of applications of students in on-line mode.

**(b) & (c):** Yes, the said scheme is being implemented across the country including Madhya Pradesh State. All States and UTs are allocated a quota based on population and enrolment. Out of one lakh fresh scholarships every year, the quota for Madhya Pradesh is 6446. Under the scheme scholarships are sanctioned on the basis of the total number of

students who have passed the NMMSS selection examination. States and Union Territories send the data of all beneficiaries under NMMSS. District-wise data is not maintained in the Department. The number of beneficiaries under the scheme in Madhya Pradesh State during the last 5 years is as follows:

S. No.	Financial Year	No. of Scholarships (Fresh + Renewals)
1	2017-18	31663
2	2018-19	9814
3	2019-20	46681
4	2020-21	14511
5	2021-22	15521
<b>Total</b>		<b>118190</b>

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