

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2610
ANSWERED ON 07/08/2024

SCHOLARSHIPS TO MINORITY STUDENTS

2610 SHRI AMRINDER SINGH RAJA WARRING:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of backward minority students who were provided scholarships for pre and post matric studies in Punjab during the last one year;
- (b) the total numbers of scholarships provided by the Government to the minority students in Punjab along with the numbers of students who were eligible for such scholarships;
- (c) whether the Union/State Government runs any hostel for boys and girls belonging to minorities in Punjab and if so, the number and strength of each hostel along with the status of such hostels; and
- (d) the details of the literacy rate among various minority groups in Punjab?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

- (a) and (b): The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements various schemes for socio-economic empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities. During last five years, the ministry has implemented 3 Scholarship schemes namely (i) Pre-Matric, (ii) Post-Matric and (iii) Merit-cum-Means based scholarships for the eligible students belonging to minority communities.
The details of students who were eligible and have been provided Scholarships in the State of Punjab is **annexed**.
- (c) Government of Punjab is running two hostels i.e. one for boys and one for girls with the capacity of 60 each at Dr. B.R Ambedkar Institute of Career and courses, Mohali, where seats are available for SC, BC and Minority Students.
- (d) As informed by the Govt. of Punjab, religion-wise State specific data in respect of literacy rate, is not available in Census report. However, the literacy rate of Punjab is 75.84% wherein, male literacy rate is 80.44% and female literacy rate is 75.23%

Annexure

Year	Scheme	Students eligible	Students awarded
2022-23	Pre-Matric	42,447	15,561
2022-23	Post-Matric	53,100	7,482

Note: For AY 2022-23, disbursement under the renewal category has been made.