

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2590
ANSWERED ON 11/12/2024

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

2590. SHRI M K RAGHAVAN:
SHRI E T MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of scholarships provided by the Government since, 2014;
- (b) the details of fund allocated and utilised for various educational scholarship schemes under the Ministry during the last seven years;
- (c) whether the Government has started any scholarship schemes or stopped them during the last five years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for discontinuation of any scheme?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Minority Affairs has been implementing various schemes for the educational and socio-economic empowerment of 6 notified Minority communities, especially from the economically weaker and under privileged sections, including Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship. The details of budget allocations and expenditures made under these 3 schemes during the last 7 years, year-wise are as under:

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

Scheme	Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme		Post Matric Scholarship Scheme		Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme	
	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure
2017-18	1001.15	1108.13	561.29	479.72	393.54	388.79
2018-19	1269.00	1176.20	500.00	354.90	402.00	261.17
2019-20	1199.82	1324.85	482.66	428.77	361.51	285.63
2020-21	1330.00	1325.54	535.00	512.81	400.00	396.34
2021-22	1378.00	1350.99	468.00	411.87	325.00	345.77
2022-23	556.82	43.95	515.00	29.00	358.02	34.90
2023-24	400.00	95.84	1000.00	85.02	25.00	152.74
Total	7134.79	6425.50	4061.95	2302.09	2265.07	1865.34

(c) & (d): The participation of students from minority communities is at par with the national average at primary and elementary level and the students at these levels are already covered under the Right to Education Act. Further, there was a need to harmonize the coverage under Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for minorities with similar schemes implemented for other target groups like the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the OBCs. Keeping in view of the above, it has been decided to discontinue classes I-VIII from the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for minorities and focus more on the education of children from minority communities, especially girls, at higher classes which would generate better employment opportunities for them. Accordingly, the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme has now been restricted to Class IX-X, only. Besides, the Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship Scheme for girls, implemented by Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) has been subsumed with Pre-Matric (for class IX-X) and the Post-Matric (for class XI-XII) Scholarship Schemes from 2022-23.
