

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2099
ANSWERED ON 12/03/2025

HIGHER EDUCATION FOR MINORITY GIRLS

2099. SHRI ANUP SANJAY DHOTRE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the higher education among girls belonging to minority communities is satisfactory in the country;
- (b) if not, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the schemes implemented by the Government to promote higher education among girls and women from minority communities in the country especially in the rural areas; and
- (d) the details of the funds allocated/utilized to promote higher education among girls and women from minority communities during the last three years and the current year, year and State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Minority Affairs implements various schemes for socio-economic empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities viz. Muslim, Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Parsi and Sikh including various educational empowerment Schemes such as (i) Pre-Matric, (ii) Post-Matric and (iii) Merit-cum-Means based scholarships which are implemented across the country covering rural as well as urban areas. Under all the three schemes, 30% of the total scholarships are earmarked for girls whereas more than 50% beneficiaries are girls.

Schemes like Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes are dedicated to cater to the needs of financial assistance for pursuing higher studies.

(d): The details of beneficiaries, along with girl beneficiaries, awarded Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means scholarships during the last three year are **annexed**. However, gender-wise and/or State-wise funds are not allocated.

Post Matric Scholarship scheme- Details of beneficiaries awarded Scholarship during the last 3 years									
State	AY 2020-21			AY 2021-22			AY 2022-23		
	No. of beneficiaries	Female	Amount (In Rs. Crore)	No. of beneficiaries	Female	Amount (In Rs. Crore)	No. of beneficiaries	Female	Amount (In Rs. Crore)
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR	278	180	0.10	295	179	0.10	44	28	0.01
ANDHRA PRADESH	12661	6794	9.69	15216	7883	11.32	3159	1671	2.40
ASSAM	30456	16048	24.78	49106	26022	51.34	254	140	0.15
BIHAR	43512	25483	18.12	19642	10777	9.55	1455	730	0.81
CHANDIGARH	123	78	0.05	117	85	0.05	6	6	0.00
CHHATTISGARH	2198	1449	1.27	2744	1745	1.54	786	515	0.45
DELHI	3518	2263	1.08	2908	1868	0.86	372	262	0.12
GOA	349	230	0.21	458	311	0.27	84	59	0.05
GUJARAT	21289	11067	11.6	23519	11556	12.82	4353	2242	2.5
HARYANA	5194	1674	3.31	7824	2686	4.58	1206	426	0.74
HIMACHAL PRADESH	500	291	0.24	637	364	0.29	157	94	0.08
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	53725	28813	30.38	47574	26438	27.47	5722	3360	3.28
JHARKHAND	5918	3179	2.99	5494	2868	3.41	761	407	0.49
KARNATAKA	55081	31368	34.24	73830	39205	43.98	17262	9477	10.88
KERALA	67583	40493	31.80	74271	41103	37.55	15787	9115	8.67
LADAKH	1593	1120	0.91	905	622	0.50	63	47	0.03
MADHYA PRADESH	20430	12796	13.60	23622	13872	16.13	5255	3107	3.59
MAHARASHTRA	47333	28371	23.02	42110	22079	20.97	7137	3520	3.83
MANIPUR	4497	2507	3.82	4629	2606	3.93	701	412	0.57
MEGHALAYA	7254	4919	4.88	5306	3488	3.63	614	433	0.42
MIZORAM	1144	659	0.85	1702	937	1.34	192	116	0.15
NAGALAND	6029	3488	4.88	6421	3630	5.45	1272	745	1.12
ODISHA	3146	1728	1.91	4030	2158	2.40	779	431	0.44
PUDUCHERRY	596	400	0.33	629	413	0.33	115	71	0.07
PUNJAB	53450	28665	27.66	55430	28510	29.96	7570	4259	3.59
RAJASTHAN	27404	12819	19.39	30012	13041	21.26	7256	3363	5.17
SIKKIM	85	60	0.04	289	194	0.15	35	25	0.02
TAMIL NADU	44319	28346	24.79	52409	32109	29.18	14056	9299	8.23
TELANGANA	18372	10186	14.63	20843	11655	16.80	1736	1075	1.48
THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	57	32	0.02	78	47	0.03	12	6	0.00
TRIPURA	1004	518	0.63	1766	922	1.21	226	141	0.14
UTTARAKHAND	4646	2902	3.37	5296	3301	3.85	729	466	0.52
UTTAR PRADESH	114388	65698	81.22	134433	76371	100.24	24639	14686	18.31
WEST BENGAL	5184	2498	5.49	6548	3172	7.09	812	367	0.97
Total	663316	377122	401.31	720093	392217	469.57	124607	71101	79.28

Source: NSP/NIC Database.

*AY 2022-23 data provisional.

** AY 2023-24 – Scheme was not approved.

Merit-Cum-Means based Scholarship scheme- Details of beneficiaries awarded Scholarship during the last 3 years									
State	AY 2020-21			AY 2021-22			AY 2022-23		
	No. of beneficiaries	Female	Amount (In Rs. Crore)	No. of beneficiaries	Female	Amount (In Rs. Crore)	No. of beneficiaries	Female	Amount (In Rs. Crore)
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR	4	1	0.01	3	1	0.01	1	1	0.00
ANDHRA PRADESH	1808	628	4.43	2118	704	5.54	957	309	2.51
ASSAM	7216	2415	19.08	9287	3862	26.93	1263	363	3.66
BIHAR	7933	844	20.85	6733	654	17.66	2876	266	7.49
CHANDIGARH	6	2	0.02	7	1	0.02	5	1	0.01
CHHATTISGARH	441	208	1.28	516	230	1.42	265	120	0.66
DELHI	376	124	1.04	295	85	0.77	111	39	0.24
GOA	116	48	0.29	50	30	0.13	25	17	0.06
GUJARAT	2722	914	6.47	2731	918	6.54	1006	365	2.51
HARYANA	772	78	2.04	1029	130	2.71	516	46	1.42
HIMACHAL PRADESH	32	9	0.09	51	20	0.13	20	10	0.05
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	8898	2846	22.14	9392	3337	23.83	2837	1049	7.10
JHARKHAND	232	34	0.59	685	95	1.94	263	31	0.83
KARNATAKA	22510	9806	56.59	22161	9533	55.79	9727	4316	24.66
KERALA	29630	20132	80.81	32790	21855	89.80	19890	13710	55.01
LADAKH	130	66	0.30	81	47	0.22	9	7	0.05
MADHYA PRADESH	2216	831	6.53	2530	868	7.30	1263	419	3.69
MAHARASHTRA	2187	602	7.14	2335	655	7.74	907	272	3.11
MANIPUR	282	137	0.81	338	159	0.94	130	63	0.39
MEGHALAYA	1165	616	2.63	601	333	1.51	210	135	0.52
MIZORAM	46	24	0.11	107	48	0.23	48	19	0.10
NAGALAND	1193	556	3.01	1258	594	3.13	569	271	1.47
ODISHA	392	69	1.08	466	94	1.29	178	32	0.46
PUDUCHERRY	44	24	0.09	48	27	0.12	26	17	0.06
PUNJAB	1829	1236	5.06	1716	1165	4.76	779	525	2.12
RAJASTHAN	3173	708	8.52	2907	617	7.97	1550	337	4.31
SIKKIM	34	20	0.05	51	20	0.08	11	6	0.02
TAMIL NADU	5295	2365	13.48	6856	2634	17.55	3674	1410	9.48
TELANGANA	4065	1404	10.80	4757	1517	12.82	1999	584	5.38
THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	7	0	0.07	8	1	0.06	5	1	0.01
TRIPURA	111	34	0.28	94	27	0.24	37	11	0.09
UTTARAKHAND	496	134	1.44	658	167	1.69	288	77	0.75
UTTAR PRADESH	10154	1992	26.19	12387	2587	32.10	5385	1037	13.96
WEST BENGAL	4856	1348	14.54	6764	2113	19.90	1600	394	4.89
Total	120371	50255	317.84	131810	55128	352.91	58430	26260	157.07

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