

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4277
ANSWERED ON 26/03/2025

BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR EDUCATION OF MINORITIES

4277. MS IQRA CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of **Minority Affairs** be pleased to state:

- (a) the reason for the sharp decrease in budgetary allocation for educational empowerment for minorities in the 2025-26 Budget;
- (b) the reason for slashing the budget of education schemes for madrasas and minorities and the budget that has been allocated for the scheme since 2014;
- (c) the number of scholarships that have been awarded under various minority education schemes during the last five years, State-wise; and
- (d) the specific steps taken by the Government to prevent educational inequality from worsening due to reduced financial support for minority education?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements various schemes for socio-economic empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities including various educational empowerment Schemes such as (i) Pre-Matric, (ii) Post-Matric and (iii) Merit-cum-Means based scholarships, across the country.

The reason for reduction in the budget is attributed to the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009 which makes it obligatory for the Government to provide free and compulsory elementary education (classes I to VIII) to each and every child. Accordingly, Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme has been restricted to students studying in classes IX and X. Similarly, considering the overlap of Maulana Azad National Fellowship and Padho Pardesh interest subsidy scheme for over studies, with similar schemes of other Ministries/ Departments, the schemes have been discontinued. Moreover, these schemes have not been approved for implementation for the year 2024-25. Besides these, the Ministry also implemented a Scheme namely- Scheme for Providing Education in Madrasa/Minorities (SPEMM), which comprises of two sub-Schemes- (i) Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madrasas (SPQEM) and (ii) Infrastructure Development in Minority Institutions (IDMI) for 2021-22.

(c): The details of Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based scholarships disbursed during the last five years are **annexed**.

(d): The Government has implemented various educational empowerment schemes viz. Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme (for class I-X), Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme (for class XIth to Ph.D.) and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme (for technical and professional courses at under graduate/post graduate level) to prevent educational inequality among minority communities. About 8.30 crore students from minority communities have benefited through these programmes.

In addition to the above, the Government has implemented various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every strata, including minorities, especially the economically weaker and lesser privileged sections of the society, through schemes of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Rural Development.

Annexure

Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme- Details of scholarships and amount sanctioned for 2019-20 to 2022-23

(Amount in Rs. Crore)

| S. N o. | States/ UTs | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 | | 2021-22 | | 2022-23* | |
|---------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | | No. of Beneficiaries | Amount | No. of Beneficiaries | Amount | No. of Beneficiaries | Amount | No. of Beneficiaries | Amount |
| 1 | ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR | 107 | 0.04 | 2796 | 0.37 | 3272 | 0.40 | 97 | 0.01 |
| 2 | ANDHRA PRADESH | 161555 | 47.60 | 152714 | 36.40 | 175563 | 37.85 | 8573 | 3.31 |
| 3 | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 4 | ASSAM | 290719 | 161.16 | 250267 | 90.97 | 235337 | 99.98 | 4706 | 2.35 |
| 5 | BIHAR | 245662 | 82.43 | 134270 | 32.97 | 175287 | 49.19 | 3001 | 0.61 |
| 6 | CHANDIGARH | 1461 | 0.15 | 1913 | 0.20 | 1783 | 0.18 | 44 | 0.01 |
| 7 | CHHATTISGARH | 4839 | 1.64 | 4308 | 1.35 | 4453 | 1.34 | 412 | 0.18 |
| 8 | DELHI | 4928 | 0.65 | 8328 | 0.88 | 12302 | 1.25 | 546 | 0.06 |
| 9 | GOA | 497 | 0.06 | 772 | 0.08 | 1111 | 0.11 | 77 | 0.01 |
| 10 | GUJARAT | 134907 | 37.48 | 102873 | 28.60 | 89543 | 25.70 | 2796 | 1.24 |
| 11 | HARYANA | 8860 | 3.25 | 9396 | 3.58 | 25011 | 8.53 | 994 | 0.49 |
| 12 | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 2056 | 0.40 | 1985 | 0.34 | 1790 | 0.30 | 193 | 0.04 |
| 13 | JAMMU AND KASHMIR | 523653 | 129.16 | 466290 | 96.24 | 389132 | 77.67 | 8402 | 3.11 |
| 14 | JHARKHAND | 84133 | 60.90 | 14332 | 5.17 | 14146 | 5.70 | 683 | 0.36 |
| 15 | KARNATAKA | 507463 | 100.42 | 517527 | 99.74 | 566291 | 110.67 | 47922 | 15.38 |
| 16 | KERALA | 593531 | 74.80 | 599692 | 74.40 | 634299 | 78.32 | 52879 | 8.27 |
| 17 | LADAKH | 0 | | 14862 | 3.93 | 11884 | 3.08 | 292 | 0.12 |
| 18 | LAKSHADWEEP | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 19 | MADHYA PRADESH | 137269 | 41.54 | 113780 | 37.93 | 139638 | 47.53 | 8573 | 4.19 |
| 20 | MAHARASHTRA | 744273 | 86.66 | 734816 | 81.65 | 802121 | 88.89 | 35502 | 4.52 |
| 21 | MANIPUR | 44390 | 25.76 | 47526 | 26.29 | 52432 | 28.17 | 4275 | 3.40 |
| 22 | MEGHALAYA | 9865 | 2.51 | 14630 | 3.97 | 15462 | 4.42 | 613 | 0.31 |
| 23 | MIZORAM | 52652 | 15.09 | 53129 | 15.07 | 60784 | 18.54 | 1236 | 0.77 |
| 24 | NAGALAND | 53156 | 18.90 | 69053 | 24.01 | 77882 | 28.03 | 4551 | 2.60 |
| 25 | ODISHA | 12934 | 2.53 | 17470 | 2.92 | 25620 | 4.19 | 700 | 0.14 |
| 26 | PUDUCHERRY | 3223 | 0.87 | 3963 | 1.00 | 4318 | 1.04 | 319 | 0.13 |
| 27 | PUNJAB | 468622 | 76.14 | 447136 | 70.44 | 503179 | 75.57 | 15748 | 3.68 |
| 28 | RAJASTHAN | 165049 | 53.66 | 146296 | 46.59 | 188827 | 55.58 | 14881 | 6.44 |
| 29 | SIKKIM | 716 | 0.15 | 102 | 0.03 | 513 | 0.10 | 22 | 0.01 |
| 30 | TAMIL NADU | 376543 | 78.23 | 381455 | 76.96 | 448485 | 86.55 | 49824 | 13.65 |
| 31 | TELANGANA | 171908 | 60.28 | 156037 | 56.60 | 177571 | 61.29 | 9453 | 4.64 |
| 32 | THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU | 468 | 0.07 | 275 | 0.03 | 318 | 0.04 | 9 | 0.00 |
| 33 | TRIPURA | 3525 | 0.52 | 5723 | 0.87 | 7109 | 1.02 | 391 | 0.08 |
| 34 | UTTAR PRADESH | 727980 | 247.14 | 747354 | 265.24 | 842938 | 317.32 | 40303 | 19.90 |
| 35 | UTTARAKHAND | 30197 | 14.00 | 18621 | 7.40 | 21812 | 10.48 | 556 | 0.31 |
| 36 | WEST BENGAL | 884 | 0.36 | 273 | 0.20 | 576 | 0.14 | 3 | 0.00 |
| Total | | 5568025 | 1424.56 | 5239964 | 1192.42 | 5,710,789 | 1329.17 | 318576 | 100.32 |

Source- NSP database. * Data provisional for 2022-23.

Scheme not implemented for 2023-24.

Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme - Details of scholarships and amount sanctioned for 2019-20 to 2022-23

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

| S. N o. | States/ UTs | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 | | 2021-22 | | 2022-23* | |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|
| | | No. of Beneficiaries | Amount | No. of Beneficiaries | Amount | No. of Beneficiaries | Amount | No. of Beneficiaries | Amount |
| 1 | ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR | 9 | 0.01 | 278 | 0.10 | 295 | 0.10 | 44 | 0.01 |
| 2 | ANDHRA PRADESH | 15408 | 12.95 | 12661 | 9.69 | 15216 | 11.32 | 3159 | 2.40 |
| 3 | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | |
| 4 | ASSAM | 38531 | 32.94 | 30456 | 24.78 | 49106 | 51.34 | 254 | 0.15 |
| 5 | BIHAR | 48456 | 30.53 | 43512 | 18.12 | 19642 | 9.55 | 1455 | 0.81 |
| 6 | CHANDIGARH | 154 | 0.06 | 123 | 0.05 | 117 | 0.05 | 6 | 0.00 |
| 7 | CHHATTISGARH | 2202 | 1.38 | 2198 | 1.27 | 2744 | 1.54 | 786 | 0.45 |
| 8 | DELHI | 2261 | 0.89 | 3518 | 1.08 | 2908 | 0.86 | 372 | 0.12 |
| 9 | GOA | 218 | 0.15 | 349 | 0.21 | 458 | 0.27 | 84 | 0.05 |
| 10 | GUJARAT | 23445 | 13.43 | 21289 | 11.60 | 23519 | 12.82 | 4353 | 2.50 |
| 11 | HARYANA | 4703 | 3.22 | 5194 | 3.31 | 7824 | 4.58 | 1206 | 0.74 |
| 12 | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 534 | 0.26 | 500 | 0.24 | 637 | 0.29 | 157 | 0.08 |
| 13 | JAMMU AND KASHMIR | 111052 | 72.51 | 53725 | 30.38 | 47574 | 27.47 | 5722 | 3.28 |
| 14 | JHARKHAND | 13182 | 8.72 | 5918 | 2.99 | 5494 | 3.41 | 761 | 0.49 |
| 15 | KARNATAKA | 74944 | 49.90 | 55081 | 34.24 | 73830 | 43.98 | 17262 | 10.88 |
| 16 | KERALA | 65635 | 32.68 | 67583 | 31.80 | 74271 | 37.55 | 15787 | 8.67 |
| 17 | LADAKH | 0 | 0.00 | 1593 | 0.91 | 905 | 0.50 | 63 | 0.03 |
| 18 | LAKSHADWEEP | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 19 | MADHYA PRADESH | 22038 | 14.47 | 20430 | 13.60 | 23622 | 16.13 | 5255 | 3.59 |
| 20 | MAHARASHTRA | 48331 | 24.23 | 47333 | 23.02 | 42110 | 20.97 | 7137 | 3.83 |
| 21 | MANIPUR | 5599 | 4.86 | 4497 | 3.82 | 4629 | 3.93 | 701 | 0.57 |
| 22 | MEGHALAYA | 7533 | 5.06 | 7254 | 4.88 | 5306 | 3.63 | 614 | 0.42 |
| 23 | MIZORAM | 1309 | 1.17 | 1144 | 0.85 | 1702 | 1.34 | 192 | 0.15 |
| 24 | NAGALAND | 5332 | 4.58 | 6029 | 4.88 | 6421 | 5.45 | 1272 | 1.12 |
| 25 | ODISHA | 2738 | 1.98 | 3146 | 1.91 | 4030 | 2.40 | 779 | 0.44 |
| 26 | PUDUCHERRY | 572 | 0.36 | 596 | 0.33 | 629 | 0.33 | 115 | 0.07 |
| 27 | PUNJAB | 56646 | 30.18 | 53450 | 27.66 | 55430 | 29.96 | 7570 | 3.59 |
| 28 | RAJASTHAN | 27933 | 20.73 | 27404 | 19.39 | 30012 | 21.26 | 7256 | 5.17 |
| 29 | SIKKIM | 52 | 0.03 | 85 | 0.04 | 289 | 0.15 | 35 | 0.02 |
| 30 | TAMIL NADU | 43241 | 25.93 | 44319 | 24.79 | 52409 | 29.18 | 14056 | 8.23 |
| 31 | TELANGANA | 17393 | 13.90 | 18372 | 14.63 | 20843 | 16.80 | 1736 | 1.48 |
| 32 | THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU | 81 | 0.03 | 57 | 0.02 | 78 | 0.03 | 12 | 0.01 |
| 33 | TRIPURA | 1067 | 0.73 | 1004 | 0.63 | 1766 | 1.21 | 226 | 0.14 |
| 34 | UTTAR PRADESH | 94291 | 68.20 | 4646 | 81.22 | 134433 | 100.24 | 24639 | 18.32 |
| 35 | UTTARAKHAND | 4521 | 3.43 | 114388 | 3.37 | 5296 | 3.85 | 729 | 0.52 |
| 36 | WEST BENGAL | 3730 | 3.15 | 5184 | 5.49 | 6548 | 7.09 | 812 | 0.97 |
| Total | | 743141 | 482.65 | 663316 | 401.30 | 720093 | 469.58 | 124607 | 79.29 |

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Scheme not implemented for 2023-24.

Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme - Details of scholarships and amount sanctioned for 2019-20 to 2022-23

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

| S. No. | States/UTs | 2019-20 | | 2020-21 | | 2021-22 | | 2022-23* | |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| | | No. of Beneficiaries | Amount | No. of Beneficiaries | Amount | No. of Beneficiaries | Amount | No. of Beneficiaries | Amount |
| 1 | ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR | 3 | 0.01 | 4 | 0.01 | 3 | 0.01 | 1 | 0.00 |
| 2 | ANDHRA PRADESH | 3476 | 9.17 | 1808 | 4.43 | 2118 | 5.54 | 957 | 2.52 |
| 3 | ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 4 | ASSAM | 6158 | 17.25 | 7216 | 19.08 | 9287 | 26.93 | 1263 | 3.67 |
| 5 | BIHAR | 6985 | 18.74 | 7933 | 20.85 | 6733 | 17.66 | 2876 | 7.49 |
| 6 | CHANDIGARH | 2 | 0.00 | 6 | 0.02 | 7 | 0.02 | 5 | 0.01 |
| 7 | CHHATTISGARH | 432 | 1.09 | 441 | 1.28 | 516 | 1.42 | 265 | 0.66 |
| 8 | DELHI | 384 | 0.97 | 376 | 1.04 | 295 | 0.77 | 111 | 0.24 |
| 9 | GOA | 76 | 0.20 | 116 | 0.29 | 50 | 0.13 | 25 | 0.06 |
| 10 | GUJARAT | 3037 | 7.17 | 2722 | 6.47 | 2731 | 6.54 | 1006 | 2.52 |
| 11 | HARYANA | 821 | 2.12 | 772 | 2.04 | 1029 | 2.71 | 516 | 1.42 |
| 12 | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 30 | 0.09 | 32 | 0.09 | 51 | 0.13 | 20 | 0.06 |
| 13 | JAMMU AND KASHMIR | 7702 | 19.91 | 8898 | 22.14 | 9392 | 23.83 | 2837 | 7.10 |
| 14 | JHARKHAND | 1501 | 4.40 | 232 | 0.59 | 685 | 1.94 | 263 | 0.83 |
| 15 | KARNATAKA | 20779 | 52.96 | 22510 | 56.59 | 22161 | 55.79 | 9727 | 24.66 |
| 16 | KERALA | 26205 | 71.42 | 29630 | 80.81 | 32790 | 89.80 | 19890 | 55.01 |
| 17 | LADAKH | 0 | 0.00 | 130 | 0.30 | 81 | 0.22 | 9 | 0.05 |
| 18 | LAKSHADWEEP | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 19 | MADHYA PRADESH | 2448 | 7.28 | 2216 | 6.53 | 2530 | 7.30 | 1263 | 3.69 |
| 20 | MAHARASHTRA | 2814 | 8.50 | 2187 | 7.14 | 2335 | 7.74 | 907 | 3.12 |
| 21 | MANIPUR | 348 | 1.01 | 282 | 0.81 | 338 | 0.94 | 130 | 0.39 |
| 22 | MEGHALAYA | 1322 | 3.32 | 1165 | 2.63 | 601 | 1.51 | 210 | 0.52 |
| 23 | MIZORAM | 1115 | 3.24 | 46 | 0.11 | 107 | 0.23 | 48 | 0.10 |
| 24 | NAGALAND | 1193 | 3.09 | 1193 | 3.01 | 1258 | 3.13 | 569 | 1.47 |
| 25 | ODISHA | 436 | 1.33 | 392 | 1.08 | 466 | 1.29 | 178 | 0.46 |
| 26 | PUDUCHERRY | 62 | 0.14 | 44 | 0.09 | 48 | 0.12 | 26 | 0.06 |
| 27 | PUNJAB | 2410 | 6.53 | 1829 | 5.06 | 1716 | 4.76 | 779 | 2.12 |
| 28 | RAJASTHAN | 3241 | 8.63 | 3173 | 8.52 | 2907 | 7.97 | 1550 | 4.31 |
| 29 | SIKKIM | 18 | 0.04 | 34 | 0.05 | 51 | 0.08 | 11 | 0.02 |
| 30 | TAMIL NADU | 5685 | 14.85 | 5295 | 13.48 | 6856 | 17.55 | 3674 | 9.48 |
| 31 | TELANGANA | 3311 | 8.88 | 4065 | 10.80 | 4757 | 12.82 | 1999 | 5.38 |
| 32 | THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU | 5 | 0.01 | 7 | 0.07 | 8 | 0.06 | 5 | 0.01 |
| 33 | TRIPURA | 81 | 0.20 | 111 | 0.28 | 94 | 0.24 | 37 | 0.10 |
| 34 | UTTAR PRADESH | 10545 | 27.05 | 10154 | 26.19 | 12387 | 32.10 | 5385 | 13.96 |
| 35 | UTTARAKHAND | 470 | 1.26 | 496 | 1.44 | 658 | 1.69 | 288 | 0.75 |
| 36 | WEST BENGAL | 5264 | 14.77 | 4856 | 14.54 | 6764 | 19.90 | 1600 | 4.89 |
| Total | | 118359 | 315.63 | 120371 | 317.86 | 131810 | 352.87 | 58430 | 157.11 |

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