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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3912 ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025

Students Selected under INSPIRE and NMMS Scheme

†3912. Shri Devesh Shakya:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of students selected under INSPIRE Scheme, National Income-Supported Secondary Scholarship Scheme (NMMS) and Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last five years, district-wise including Etawah, Auraiya, Kasganj, Etah, Mainpuri, Kannauj, Chandauli, Aonla and Machhlishahr;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to honour the teachers working under these schemes and if so, the details thereof along with the details of selected teachers and schools; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (SHRI JAYANT CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Education is not implementing National Income-Supported Secondary Scholarship Scheme, however, Central Sector Scheme namely 'National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) is being implemented since 2008 with the objective to award scholarships to meritorious students of economically weaker sections whose parental income is not more than Rs. 3.50 lakh per annum 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 students are awarded to selected students for class IX every year and their continuation/renewal in classes X to XII for study in State Government, Government-aided and Local body schools under the scheme. The scheme is being implemented across the country including Uttar Pradesh State. All States and UTs are allocated a quota based on population and enrolment. The allotted quota for Uttar Pradesh is 15143. District-wise data is not maintained in the Department. The number of beneficiaries under the scheme in Uttar Pradesh State during the last 5 years is given at Annexure-I.

Department of Science and Technology (DST) is implementing "Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE)" Scheme which aims to attract meritorious youth to study basic and natural sciences at the college and university level and to pursue research careers in both basic and applied science areas including engineering, medicine, agriculture and veterinary sciences. The details of the district-wise total number of students selected under INSPIRE Scheme during last five year in UP are given at Annexure-II.

Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan is one of the programmative norms implemented under Samagra Shiksha to promote science and maths learning at upper primary to Senior Secondary Level. The programme is implemented by the State/ UTs as per their Annual Work Plan approved by the Project Approval Board. The details of district-wise data is not maintained by the Department.

Annexure referred to in Part (a) of the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3912 asked by Shri Devesh Shakya, Hon'ble Member of Parliament answered on 18.08.2025 regarding "Students Selected under INSPIRE and NMMS Scheme"

The number of beneficiaries under the NMMS Scheme in Uttar Pradesh during last five years.

Financial Year (F.Y.)	Number of Scholarships (Fresh +Renewals)
2020-21	5141
2021-22	5772
2022-23	9837
2023-24	16528
2024-25	25010

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in Part (a) of the reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3912 asked by Shri Devesh Shakya, Hon'ble Member of Parliament answered on 18.08.2025 regarding "Students Selected under INSPIRE and NMMS Scheme"

List of students selected under the INSPIRE Scheme from Uttar Pradesh in the last five year is given below:

Financial Year (F.Y.)	Number of students selected under INSPIRE Scheme
2020-21	5206
2021-22	5919
2022-237	4783
2023-24	7307
2024-25	11838