

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 617
ANSWERED ON 23/07/2025

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES FOR MINORITY STUDENTS

617. SHRI BAPI HALDAR:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of children belonging to the Minority community who have applied and been provided scholarships during the last five years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has assessed the educational status, achievement and the impact of various central schemes among minority community students and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Government has discontinued pre-matric scholarships to students of minority communities from class one to eight from 2023-24 and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to re-introduce the said scholarship scheme for minority community students?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a): The Government of India implements various schemes for the educational and socio- economic empowerment of every strata of the society including minorities, especially the economically weaker and under privileged sections through different ministries/ departments. Ministry of Minority Affairs implements three scholarship schemes namely Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for the educational empowerment of notified minority communities. The Scholarship Schemes of Minority Affairs are Central Sector Schemes with 100% Central Share and scholarships are disbursed through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode. There is a defined State/UT-wise quota of beneficiaries based on Census data. However, the scheme has not been approved for implementation beyond 2021-22. The release over the period of 2019-20 to 2021-22, scheme-wise and State/UT-wise is annexed as Annexure-I.

(b): Monitoring and Evaluation of schemes is a continuous process for all the Schemes including Central Schemes. Ministry of Minority Affairs conducted a third party study through National Council of Applied Economic Research for all the three Scholarship Schemes during the year 2022-23. The findings of the report highlighted irregularities based on which, a physical verification study was conducted wherein out of 1572 institutes, 830 were found to be either fake/ partial fake or non-operational. The matter has been handed over to the CBI for thorough investigation.

(c) & (d): The Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009 makes it obligatory for the Government to provide free and compulsory elementary education (classes I to VIII) to each and every child. Accordingly only students studying in classes IX and X are covered under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affairs. There is no proposal under consideration in this Ministry to re-introduce such coverage.

ANNEXURE-I REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 617 FOR 23.07.2025 REGARDING “SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES FOR MINORITY STUDENTS”.

Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme-Details of scholarships and amount for AY 2019-20 to 2021-22						
Amount in ₹ crore						
State	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
	Beneficiaries	Amount	Beneficiaries	Amount	Beneficiaries	Amount
ANDHRAPRADESH	161555	47.60	152714	36.4	175563	37.85
TELANGANA	171908	60.28	156037	56.6	177571	61.29
ASSAM	290719	161.16	250267	90.97	235337	99.98
BIHAR	245662	82.43	134270	32.97	175287	49.19
CHHATTISGARH	4839	1.64	4308	1.35	4453	1.34
GOA	497	0.06	772	0.08	1111	0.11
GUJARAT	134907	37.48	102873	28.6	89543	25.7
HARYANA	8860	3.25	9396	3.58	25011	8.53
HIMACHALPRADESH	2056	0.40	1985	0.34	1790	0.3
JAMMUANDKASHMIR	523653	129.16	466290	96.24	389132	77.67
JHARKHAND	84133	60.90	14332	5.17	14146	5.7
KARNATAKA	507463	100.42	517527	99.74	566291	110.67
KERALA	593531	74.80	599692	74.4	634299	78.32
LADAKH	0	0.00	14862	3.93	11884	3.08
MADHYAPRADESH	137269	41.54	113780	37.93	139638	47.53
MAHARASHTRA	744273	86.66	734816	81.65	802121	88.89
MANIPUR	44390	25.76	47526	26.29	52432	28.17
MEGHALAYA	9865	2.51	14630	3.97	15462	4.42
MIZORAM	52652	15.09	53129	15.07	60784	18.54
NAGALAND	53156	18.90	69053	24.01	77882	28.03
ODISHA	12934	2.53	17470	2.92	25620	4.19
PUNJAB	468622	76.14	447136	70.44	503179	75.57
RAJASTHAN	165049	53.66	146296	46.59	188827	55.58
SIKKIM	716	0.15	102	0.03	513	0.1
TAMIL NADU	376543	78.23	381455	76.96	448485	86.55
TRIPURA	3525	0.52	5723	0.87	7109	1.02
UTTAR PRADESH	727980	247.14	747354	265.24	842938	317.32
UTTARAKHAND	30197	14.00	18621	7.4	21812	10.48
WEST BENGAL	884	0.36	273	0.2	576	0.14
ANDAMANAND NICOBAR	107	0.04	2796	0.37	3272	0.4
CHANDIGARH	1461	0.15	1913	0.2	1783	0.18
DNHDD	468	0.07	275	0.03	318	0.04
DELHI	4928	0.65	8328	0.88	12302	1.25
PUDUCHERRY	3223	0.87	3963	1	4318	1.04
Total	5568025	1424.56	5239964	1192.42	5,710,789	1329.17

Source: National Scholarships Portal

Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme- Details of scholarships and amount for AY 2019-20 to 2021-22						
State	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
	Beneficiaries	Amount	Beneficiaries	Amount	Beneficiaries	Amount
ANDAMANAND NICOBAR	9	0.01	278	0.1	295	0.1
ANDHRAPRADESH	15408	12.95	12661	9.69	15216	11.32
ASSAM	38531	32.94	30456	24.78	49106	51.34
BIHAR	48456	30.53	43512	18.12	19642	9.55
CHANDIGARH	154	0.06	123	0.05	117	0.05
CHHATTISGARH	2202	1.38	2198	1.27	2744	1.54
DELHI	2261	0.89	3518	1.08	2908	0.86
GOA	218	0.15	349	0.21	458	0.27
GUJARAT	23445	13.43	21289	11.6	23519	12.82
HARYANA	4703	3.22	5194	3.31	7824	4.58
HIMACHALPRADESH	534	0.26	500	0.24	637	0.29
JAMMUANDKASHMIR	111052	72.51	53725	30.38	47574	27.47
JHARKHAND	13182	8.72	5918	2.99	5494	3.41
KARNATAKA	74944	49.90	55081	34.24	73830	43.98
KERALA	65635	32.68	67583	31.8	74271	37.55
LADAKH	0	0.00	1593	0.91	905	0.5
MADHYAPRADESH	22038	14.47	20430	13.6	23622	16.13
MAHARASHTRA	48331	24.23	47333	23.02	42110	20.97
MANIPUR	5599	4.86	4497	3.82	4629	3.93
MEGHALAYA	7533	5.06	7254	4.88	5306	3.63
MIZORAM	1309	1.17	1144	0.85	1702	1.34
NAGALAND	5332	4.58	6029	4.88	6421	5.45
ODISHA	2738	1.98	3146	1.91	4030	2.4
PUDUCHERRY	572	0.36	596	0.33	629	0.33
PUNJAB	56646	30.18	53450	27.66	55430	29.96
RAJASTHAN	27933	20.73	27404	19.39	30012	21.26
SIKKIM	52	0.03	85	0.04	289	0.15
TAMIL NADU	43241	25.93	44319	24.79	52409	29.18
TELANGANA	17393	13.90	18372	14.63	20843	16.8
DNHDD	81	0.03	57	0.02	78	0.03
TRIPURA	1067	0.73	1004	0.63	1766	1.21
UTTAR PRADESH	94291	68.20	4646	81.22	134433	100.24
UTTARAKHAND	4521	3.43	114388	3.37	5296	3.85
WEST BENGAL	3730	3.15	5184	5.49	6548	7.09
Total	743141	482.65	663316	401.3	720093	469.58

Source: National Scholarships Portal

Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme- Details of scholarships and amount for AY 2019-20 to 2021-22						
State	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
	Beneficiaries	Amount	Beneficiaries	Amount	Beneficiaries	Amount
ANDAMANAND NICOBAR	3	0.01	4	0.01	3	0.01
ANDHRAPRADESH	3476	9.17	1808	4.43	2118	5.54
ASSAM	6158	17.25	7216	19.08	9287	26.93
BIHAR	6985	18.74	7933	20.85	6733	17.66
CHANDIGARH	2	0.00	6	0.02	7	0.02
CHHATTISGARH	432	1.09	441	1.28	516	1.42
DELHI	384	0.97	376	1.04	295	0.77
GOA	76	0.20	116	0.29	50	0.13
GUJARAT	3037	7.17	2722	6.47	2731	6.54
HARYANA	821	2.12	772	2.04	1029	2.71
HIMACHAL PRADESH	30	0.09	32	0.09	51	0.13
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	7702	19.91	8898	22.14	9392	23.83
JHARKHAND	1501	4.40	232	0.59	685	1.94
KARNATAKA	20779	52.96	22510	56.59	22161	55.79
KERALA	26205	71.42	29630	80.81	32790	89.80
LADAKH	0	0.00	130	0.30	81	0.22
MADHYAPRADESH	2448	7.28	2216	6.53	2530	7.30
MAHARASHTRA	2814	8.50	2187	7.14	2335	7.74
MANIPUR	348	1.01	282	0.81	338	0.94
MEGHALAYA	1322	3.32	1165	2.63	601	1.51
MIZORAM	1115	3.24	46	0.11	107	0.23
NAGALAND	1193	3.09	1193	3.01	1258	3.13
ODISHA	436	1.33	392	1.08	466	1.29
PUDUCHERRY	62	0.14	44	0.09	48	0.12
PUNJAB	2410	6.53	1829	5.06	1716	4.76
RAJASTHAN	3241	8.63	3173	8.52	2907	7.97
SIKKIM	18	0.04	34	0.05	51	0.08
TAMIL NADU	5685	14.85	5295	13.48	6856	17.55
TELANGANA	3311	8.88	4065	10.80	4757	12.82
DNHDD	5	0.01	7	0.07	8	0.06
TRIPURA	81	0.20	111	0.28	94	0.24
UTTAR PRADESH	10545	27.05	10154	26.19	12387	32.10
UTTARAKHAND	470	1.26	496	1.44	658	1.69
WEST BENGAL	5264	14.77	4856	14.54	6764	19.90
Total	118359	315.63	120371	317.86	131810	352.87

Source: National Scholarships Portal