

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1666
ANSWERED ON 10/12/2025

BUDGETORY ALLOCATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF MINORITIES

1666. SHRI SHAFI PARAMBIL:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the budgetary allocation for the education of minority communities in the country for during the last ten years;
- (b) the reason for decrease in budgetary allocation for education of minority communities during the recent years; and
- (c) the main objectives of the Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme for minorities and the number of beneficiary students from minority communities during each of the last three years, State-wise and year-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) and (b): There is no specific budgetary allocation for education of minority communities under the Ministry of Minority Affairs. The ministry has specifically implemented various schemes, including Pre-Matric, Post Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship schemes, across the country for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the six notified minority communities. However, the schemes had not been approved for implementation beyond 2021-22. The budgetary allocation for last 10 years for these 3 Scholarship Schemes is at Annexure-I.

(c): The objective of Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship was to provide financial assistance to the poor and meritorious students belonging to minority communities to enable them to pursue professional and technical courses. Number of beneficiaries under the scheme for the period 2019-20 to 2021-22, State wise, is at Annexure-II.

Annexure-I

(Annexure as mentioned in reply to part (a) and (b) of the Lok Sabha unstarred question No.1666 answered on 10.12.2025 on the subject of “Budgetary Allocation for the Education of Minorities”)

Budgetary allocation under the 3 Scholarship Schemes			
(Amount in ₹ Crore)			
Scheme	Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme	Post Matric Scholarship Scheme	Merit-Cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme
Year	Allocation	Allocation	Allocation
2012-13	795.78	340.75	184.07
2013-14	982.30	542.53	268.60
2014-15	1130.00	598.50	350.00
2015-16	1040.10	580.10	335.00
2016-17	931.00	550.00	395.00
2017-18	1001.15	561.29	393.54
2018-19	1269.00	500.00	402.00
2019-20	1199.82	482.66	361.51
2020-21	1330.00	535.00	400.00
2021-22	1378.00	468.00	325.00
Total	11057.15	5158.83	3414.72

Annexure-II

(Annexure as mentioned in reply to part (c) of the Lok Sabha unstarred question No.1666 answered on 10.12.2025 on the subject of “Budgetary Allocation for the Education of Minorities”)

Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme - Details of scholarships sanctioned during the FY 2019-20 to 2021-22				
S.No.	States/Uts	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
		Scholarship Sanctioned		
1	Andaman And Nicobar	3	4	3
2	Andhra Pradesh	3476	1808	2118
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
4	Assam	6158	7216	9287
5	Bihar	6985	7933	6733
6	Chandigarh	2	6	7
7	Chhattisgarh	432	441	516
8	Delhi	384	376	295
9	Goa	76	116	50
10	Gujarat	3037	2722	2731
11	Haryana	821	772	1029
12	Himachal Pradesh	30	32	51
13	Jammu And Kashmir	7702	8898	9392
14	Jharkhand	1501	232	685
15	Karnataka	20779	22510	22161
16	Kerala	26205	29630	32790
17	Ladakh	0	130	81
18	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
19	Madhya Pradesh	2448	2216	2530
20	Maharashtra	2814	2187	2335
21	Manipur	348	282	338
22	Meghalaya	1322	1165	601
23	Mizoram	1115	46	107
24	Nagaland	1193	1193	1258
25	Odisha	436	392	466
26	Puducherry	62	44	48
27	Punjab	2410	1829	1716
28	Rajasthan	3241	3173	2907
29	Sikkim	18	34	51
30	Tamil Nadu	5685	5295	6856
31	Telangana	3311	4065	4757
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli And Daman & Diu	5	7	8
33	Tripura	81	111	94
34	Uttar Pradesh	10545	496	12387
35	Uttarakhand	470	10154	658
36	West Bengal	5264	4856	6764
	Total	118359	120371	131810