

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †606**  
ANSWERED ON 03/12/2025

**SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES FOR STUDENTS BELONGING TO MINORITY  
COMMUNITIES**

†606. SHRI AMRA RAM:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the year from which the scholarship for the students belonging to minority community has been discontinued along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to restore it from this year; and
- (c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be restored and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) : Ministry of Minority Affairs has implemented Pre-Matric, Post-Matric, Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for the 6 notified religious minority communities.

Considering the alleged embezzlement of funds under the Scholarship Schemes, the Ministry, on the basis of red flags generated by National Scholarships Portal, requested investigating agency and States/UTs for verification of suspicious institutions and to take punitive action against the defaulters. The schemes as such have not been approved for implementation beyond 2021-22.

(b) & (c) : The Ministry is in the process of seeking EFC approval on the scholarship schemes for 16th Finance Commission cycle.

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