

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 60.
ANSWERED ON 01/12/2025**

National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme in UP

60. Shri Pushpendra Saroj:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of students in the country including Uttar Pradesh who have been awarded scholarships under the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) year and social category-wise (Gen, OBC, SC, ST);
- (b) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned, and utilized under the schemes during the last five years, with specific mention of disbursement delays, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the total number of eligible students who cleared the selection test but did not receive the scholarship due to procedural or verification delays if any in the country, State/UT/district-wise and social category-wise (Gen, OBC, SC, ST) for Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) whether the Government has any plans to increase the number of scholarships awarded every year; if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (d) The total number of category-wise (Gen, OBC, SC, ST) students who have been awarded scholarships in the country including UP state during the last five years, along with the details of funds allocated, sanctioned, and utilized under the scheme is tabulated below:

S. No.	Financial Year	Funds allocation (Rs. in crore)	Actual Expenditure (Rs. in crore)	No. of scholarship (Fresh +Renewals)			
				General/OBC	SC	ST	Total
1	2020-21	350.00	321.11	186634	58307	22562	267503
2	2021-22	284.20	251.98	142218	48116	16460	206794
3	2022-23	307.45	306.49	169425	60404	29695	259524
4	2023-24	358.00	313.10	169624	60080	20385	250089
5	2024-25	352.60	352.49	187276	66961	23523	277760

Each State/UT conducts its own test for selection of students for the award of the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship. The selected students register on National Scholarship Portal (NSP) wherein their application is verified by Institute Nodal Officer and District Nodal Officer. The final verified applications are considered for sanction and disbursal of scholarship. NSP aims at providing a Simplified, Mission-oriented, Accountable, Responsive and Transparent ‘SMART’ System for faster and effective disbursal of Scholarship to eligible applicants directly into their account through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) without any leakages. NSP is open for a definite time frame every year for registration of students and verification by Nodal Officers, during which students complete their fresh registration /renewal of applications and Institute Nodal officers (INOs) & District Nodal officers (DNOs) complete their verification process. Therefore, there are no procedural or verification delays.
