

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4239
ANSWERED ON 18/03/2026

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES FOR STUDENTS IN BIHAR

4239. DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of minority students in Bihar who have received scholarships under Central schemes during the last three years;
- (b) the details of scholarship beneficiaries, district-wise particularly in Gopalganj district;
- (c) the total financial assistance disbursed to these students;
- (d) the steps taken to ensure timely release of scholarships; and
- (e) the details of Initiatives under taken by the Government to raise awareness among eligible students about scholarship schemes?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Minority Affairs implements various schemes, including Pre-Matric, Post Matric and Merit-cum-Means Scholarship schemes, across the country for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the six notified minority communities. However, the schemes have not been approved for implementation beyond 2021-22.

Further, under Pradhan Mantri Uchchar Shiksha Protsahan Yojana (PM-USP Yojana) which is implemented by Ministry of Education for College and University Students, financial assistance is provided to students pursuing higher education including those belonging to Minority category. The details of beneficiaries and amount sanctioned is **Annexed**.

(d) to (e): The scholarships are disbursed in Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode through Aadhar Payment Bridge System (APBS), which ensures timely and transparent scholarship disbursement. To enhance awareness of the PM-USP CSSS among students, the Departments of Higher Education of all States/UT Governments and the Higher Secondary Education Boards of all States are directed to disseminate information about the scholarship scheme among stakeholders through print and social media. Information useful for the students are also provided at dedicated students' section of the National Scholarship Portal (NSP).

Annexure

(Annexure as mentioned in reply to part (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.4239 to be answered on 18.03.2026 on the subject of “Scholarship Schemes for Students in Bihar” asked by Dr. Alok Kumar Suman)

Scholarship disbursed under PM-USPCSSS for the State of Bihar											
S. No.	F.Y	Fresh+Renewal									
		No.of Scholarships					Amount(₹Crores)				
		General	OBC	SC	ST	Total	General	OBC	SC	ST	Total
1	2022-23	5056	6355	2696	395	14502	5.968	7.410	3.092	0.458	16.9282
2	2023-24	4816	13408	3773	444	22441	5.983	16.180	4.598	0.542	27.3028
3	2024-25	10456	33343	9927	1529	55255	12.797	40.274	12.055	1.852	66.9786

District–Gopalganj,Bihar										
AY	Fresh+Renewal									
	No.of Scholarships					Amount(₹Crores)				
	GEN	OBC	SC	ST	Total	Gen	OBC	SC	ST	Total
2022-23	21	52	8	4	85	0.025	0.063	0.010	0.005	0.1028
2023-24	25	91	9	3	128	0.032	0.112	0.011	0.004	0.1576
2024-25	35	123	25	7	190	0.042	0.151	0.030	0.008	0.2312