

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4293
ANSWERED ON 18/03/2026

BUDGETARY ALLOCATION TO MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

4293. SHRI SHYAMKUMAR DAULAT BARVE:

Will the Minister of Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in recent years there has been a significant reduction in the budgetary allocations and the number of beneficiaries under the Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means Minority Scholarship Schemes;
- (b) if so, the details of the budget allocated, actual expenditure made along with the number of students benefited under these schemes during the last seven years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed that cuts in budgetary allocations have affected the education of economically weaker minority students; and
- (d) if so, the concrete and time-bound steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure continuity of education for such students?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Minority Affairs implements various Scholarship 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. The details of the budget allocated, actual expenditure made along with the number of students benefited under these schemes during the last seven years and the current year are as **annexed**.

Annexure

(Annexure as mentioned in reply to part (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha unstarred question No.4293 answered on 18.03.2026 on the subject of “Budget Allocation to Minority Scholarship Schemes” asked by Shri Shyamkumar Daulat Barve)

| Scheme | Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme (Amount In Rs. Crore) | | | Post Matric Scholarship Scheme (Amount In Rs. Crore) | | | Merit-Cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme (Amount In Rs. Crore) | | |
|---------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Budget Allocated | Actual Expendit ure | No. of beneficiaries | Budget Allocated | Actual Expendit ure | No. of beneficiaries | Budget Allocated | Actual Expendit ure | No. of beneficiaries |
| 2018-19 | 1269.00 | 1176.19 | 5,691,854 | 500.00 | 354.89 | 684,265 | 402.00 | 261.17 | 117,771 |
| 2019-20 | 1199.82 | 1324.85 | 5,568,025 | 482.66 | 428.77 | 743,141 | 361.51 | 285.63 | 118,359 |
| 2020-21 | 1330.00 | 1325.54 | 5,239,964 | 535.00 | 512.81 | 663,316 | 400.00 | 396.34 | 120,371 |
| 2021-22 | 1378.00 | 1350.99 | 5,710,789 | 468.00 | 411.87 | 720,093 | 325.00 | 345.77 | 131,810 |
| 2022-23 | 556.82 | 43.95 | 318,576 | 515.00 | 29.00 | 124,607 | 358.02 | 34.90 | 58,430 |
| 2023-24 | 400.00 | 95.84 | 0 | 1000.00 | 85.02 | 0 | 25.00 | 152.74 | 0 |
| 2024-25 | 90.00 | 1.55 | 0 | 343.91 | 5.31 | 0 | 19.41 | 3.50 | 0 |
| 2025-26 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0 |

* Expenditure beyond 2021-22 has been incurred towards releasing funds for committed liabilities only.