

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2809
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.05.2016**

SCHOLARSHIP TO MINORITY GIRLS

2809: SHRI B. SRIRAMULU

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of scholarships given to girls of minority communities has gone up during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government to provide scholarship to all the minority girls who apply for it?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

- (a) to (c) Ministry of Minority Affairs implements four Scholarship Schemes for the educational empowerment of students belonging to the notified minority communities (i) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme (ii) Post-matric Scholarship Scheme (iii) Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme (iv) Maulana Azad National Scholarships to Meritorious Girls belonging to Minorities Girl Students. Under Pre-Matric, Post Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship schemes, 30% of the total scholarships are earmarked for girl students, whereas Maulana Azad National Scholarship Scheme is only for Meritorious girls belonging to minorities. The details of girl students of minority communities benefited during the last three years and current year, schemes wise, are as under:-

Sl.No.	Name of the Scheme	No. of girl students			
		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16*	2016-17
1	Pre-Matric	3850722	3781412	1808065	NIL
2	Post Matric	489012	495204	208908	NIL
3	Merit-cum-Means	39329	45759	21610	NIL
4	Maulana Azad National Scholarship to Meritorious Girl Students	35159	45426	48000	NIL

***These are not final figures as disbursement of scholarships for 2015-16 is still continuing Rs.936.91 Crores kept in a separate bank account.**
