

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2818
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2016**

DISBURSEMENT OF MERIT CUM MEANS SCHOLARSHIP

2818. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has noticed any issues related to the distribution of merit-cum-means scholarship for minority students in the country;
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government to sort out these issues;
- (c) whether the Government has taken into account many issues related to newly introduced National Scholarship Portal where students were not able to select duration of courses like B.Sc. nursing;
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) whether the Government has received any complaints regarding these issues and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard till date?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a) & (b): Merit-cum Means based Scholarship Scheme for minorities, implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, was implemented through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) during the year 2015-16. The portal faced some technical glitches in the initial phases of implementation which caused delay in implementation of this scheme. However, the same were later rectified to enable disbursement of scholarships for the year.

(c) to (e): During the initial stages of the implementation of National Scholarship Portal (NSP) for the year 2015-16, some problems were faced by the students of B.Sc. Nursing in this regard. However, the problems were addressed immediately and resolved.
