

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †542
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2016**

MINORITY GIRLS AT UNIVERSITY LEVEL

**†542. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of girls belonging to the minority communities studying at university level in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme for the higher education of these girls in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): The 'All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE)' for the year 2014-15, conducted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, shows that 6,95,261 Muslim and 3,50,138 other minority community females are enrolled throughout the country (data provisional). The State-wise details are at Annexure.

(b) & (c): The Government is committed to enhance the participation of minority girls in education. In order to promote participation of minorities at all levels of education, priority is given to Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) in Central Schemes, for instance, Establishment of Model Degree Colleges, Women Hostels and Polytechnics. Under the Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, funds are provided for construction of educational institutions for imparting higher education in identified Minority Concentration Blocks/ Towns. Further, additional class rooms, laboratories and libraries have been sanctioned for Degree Colleges. Besides, the Ministry of Human Resource Development grants scholarship to students belonging to reserved categories/weaker sections including minorities on the basis of merit under the Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students.

The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) gives concessions in setting up new technical institutions under the category of minority institutions to encourage minorities to establish new educational institutions and thus enable easy access to technical education to minority students in the country. AICTE has

launched a Scheme titled 'Pragati' in November, 2014 for providing assistance for advancement of girls participation in technical education.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has the following schemes for the benefit of minority communities:-

1. Remedial Coaching for SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) and Minority Community Students;
2. Coaching for National Eligibility Test (NET)/State Eligibility Test(SET) for SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) and minority community students;
3. Coaching Classes for entry into services SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) and minority community students;
4. Coaching Classes for Residential for Minorities/SC/ST and Women.

The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements post-matric scholarship schemes for Class XI to Ph.D., Merit-Cum-Means (MCM) scholarships for professional and technical courses for higher education of minorities and provides Maulana Azad National Fellowships to Minority students pursuing M.Phil/Ph.D in universities/colleges. Under the 'Padho Pardesh Scheme' of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, interest subsidy on educational loan for overseas studies is provided while under Free Coaching and Allied Scheme, coaching is given to the minority students to empower them and prepare them for competitive examinations, so that their participation in government and private jobs improves. In all these schemes of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, a minimum 30% of the seats are earmarked for girls.

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. †542 for answer on 20.07.2016 regarding 'Minority Girls at University Level'

State-wise enrolment for Minority Females in Higher Education

SN	Name of State/UT	Muslim	Other Minorities
1.	Andaman& Nicobar Islands	413	123
2.	Andhra Pradesh	20189	3829
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	18	846
4	Assam	29307	2249
5.	Bihar	52572	647
6	Chandigarh	78	1830
7	Chhattisgarh	2308	2642
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	22	8
9	Daman & Diu	32	24
10	Delhi	6010	3558
11	Goa	798	4141
12	Gujarat	10848	2677
13	Haryana	1490	7065
14	Himachal Pradesh	203	864
15	Jammu & Kashmir	64144	3918
16	Jharkhand	13775	4634
17	Karnataka	42305	29611
18	Kerala	49891	53292
19	Lakshdweep	165	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	14253	6786
21	Maharashtra	46562	29776
22	Manipur	1907	7785
23	Meghalaya	210	10367
24	Mizoram	4	5891
25	Nagaland	125	6043
26	Odisha	4332	1914
27	Puducherry	962	2113
28	Punjab	1025	64418
29	Rajasthan	12722	7232
30	Sikkim	12	236
31	Tamil Nadu	39745	59696
32	Telangana	50233	4450
33	Tripura	848	266
34	Uttar Pradesh	128862	14529
35	Uttarakhand	2297	1133
36	West Bengal	96594	6748
	All India	695261	350138

Source: All India Survey on Higher Education, 2014-15 (Provisional)