

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1787
ANSWERED ON 29.07.2026

SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEMES FOR MINORITY COMMUNITIES

1787. SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV.

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of scholarships sanctioned and disbursed under each scholarship scheme run by the Government for students belonging to minority communities during the last ten years, year and community-wise;
- (b) the number of eligible applicants who could not get the scholarship, year wise; and
- (c) the details of the Budgetary allocation, revised estimates and actual expenditure of the Government during the last ten years, year-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a): The Ministry of Minority Affairs implemented the following scholarship schemes for the educational empowerment of students belonging to the six centrally notified minority communities, namely Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains and Parsis:

- (i) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme;
- (ii) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme; and
- (iii) Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme.

The schemes were implemented through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) with Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to eligible beneficiaries. The schemes were implemented up to the academic year **2021-22** and were not approved for implementation beyond 2021-22.

The scheme-wise, community-wise details of scholarships sanctioned/dispursed during the last ten years is at Annexure-I.

(b): Scholarships under the above schemes were sanctioned subject to fulfilment of the eligibility criteria prescribed in the respective scheme guidelines and availability of funds. The Ministry does not maintain a separate database of **eligible applicants who could not be awarded scholarship** under the schemes.

(c): **The year-wise details of Budget Estimates (BE), Revised Estimates (RE) and Actual Expenditure** under the scholarship schemes during the last ten years is at **Annexure-II.**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN POINT (a) OF REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1787 FOR ANSWER ON 29.07.2026 REGARDING “SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEMES FOR MINORITY COMMUNITIES” ASKED BY SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV.

Community- Wise Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme (2016-17 To 2025-26)								
AY	Muslim	Christan	Sikh	Buddhist	Jain	Parsi	Total Scholars hip	Amount Release d (Rs. In Crore)
2016-17	3072462	561447	395909	61863	61130	713	4153524	749.43
2017-18	3718345	539847	424748	131419	59317	544	4874220	983.85
2018-19	4418314	613651	421037	170892	67106	854	5691854	1264.29
2019-20	4156104	682322	479171	183965	65561	902	5568025	1424.55
2020-21	3913963	661410	453020	159266	51748	557	5239964	1192.43
2021-22	4231712	727011	507578	187002	56691	795	5710789	1329.2
2022-23	222321	64752	17200	9014	5268	21	318576	100.32
2023-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024-25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025-26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	23733221	3850440	2698663	903421	366821	4386	31556952	7044.07

Community- Wise Post Matric Scholarship Scheme (2016-17 To 2025-26)								
AY	Muslim	Christan	Sikh	Buddhist	Jain	Parsi	Total Scholarship	Amount Release d (Rs. In Crore)
2016-17	467203	77019	64919	836	14847	166	624990	361.42
2017-18	471057	73814	58040	3743	14603	64	621321	369.01
2018-19	514831	87602	61245	5192	15244	151	684265	423.18
2019-20	572341	89427	62135	4093	14995	150	743141	482.65

2020-21	500785	86092	58702	3793	13807	137	663316	401.31
2021-22	543901	94074	61839	4908	15213	158	720093	469.57
2022-23	92420	18549	8975	738	3907	18	124607	79.28
2023-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024-25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025-26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3162538	526577	375855	23303	92616	844	4181733	2586.42

Community- Wise MCM Scholarship Scheme (2016-17 To 2025-26)

AY	Muslim	Christan	Sikh	Buddhist	Jain	Parsi	Total Scholarship	Amount Released (Rs. In Crore)
2016-17	90574	18613	8631	329	3693	18	121858	323.34
2017-18	88406	17899	6457	583	3096	11	116452	316.57
2018-19	90731	19035	4163	495	3335	12	117771	315.93
2019-20	90477	21127	3110	301	3328	16	118359	315.62
2020-21	93080	21486	2296	234	3270	5	120371	317.84
2021-22	103072	22955	2230	267	3269	17	131810	352.91
2022-23	43110	12689	951	76	1603	1	58430	157.07
2023-24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024-25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025-26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	599450	133804	27838	2285	21594	80	785051	2099.28

Annexure-II

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Scheme	Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme			Post Matric Scholarship Scheme			Merit-Cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme		
Year	Budget Estimate (BE)	Revised Estimate (RE)	Actual Expenditure (In ₹ Crore)	Budget Estimate (BE)	Revised Estimate (RE)	Actual Expenditure (In ₹ Crore)	Budget Estimate (BE)	Revised Estimate (RE)	Actual Expenditure (In ₹ Crore)
2016-17	931.00	931.00	585.94	550.00	550.00	287.11	335.00	395.00	220.54
2017-18	950.00	1001.15	1108.13	550.00	561.29	479.72	393.54	393.54	388.79
2018-19	980.00	1269.00	1176.19	692.00	500.00	354.89	522.00	402.00	261.17
2019-20	1220.30	1199.82	1324.85	496.01	482.66	428.77	366.43	361.51	285.63
2020-21	1330.00	1330.00	1325.54	535.00	535.00	512.81	400.00	400.00	396.34
2021-22	1378.00	1378.00	1350.99	468.00	468.00	411.87	325.00	325.00	345.77
2022-23	1425.00	556.82	43.95	515.00	515.00	29.00	365.00	358.02	34.90
2023-24	433.00	400.00	95.84	1065.00	1000.00	85.02	44.00	25.00	152.74
2024-25	326.16	90.00	1.55	1145.38	343.91	5.31	33.80	19.41	3.50
2025-26	195.70	0.06	0.00	413.99	0.06	0.00	7.34	0.06	0.00
Total	9169.16	8155.85	7012.98	6430.38	4955.92	2594.50	2792.11	2679.54	2089.38

