

basis. The progress of implementation of 15 Point Programme, which includes all the schemes of the Ministry for the welfare of minorities, are also reviewed by the State and district committees which, among others, have representatives from the panchayati raj institutions, Members of Parliament, Members of Legislative Assembly and representatives from non-governmental institutions dealing with minorities. Information in the form of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), schemes' guidelines, progress reports, photographs of works, etc. are available on the website of the Ministry. Helpline for guidance in respect of matters relating to minorities has been set up in the Ministry. Transparency is facilitated by having the lists of students awarded scholarships/beneficiaries of schemes placed on the website of the States/UTs and Ministry. To facilitate under-graduate and post-graduates students for applying through the internet, an Online Scholarship Management System (OSMS) has been launched from the current year for the scheme of merit-cum-means scholarship for technical and professional courses. A MIS-MsDP software application has been started recently for monitoring the implementation of Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) in minority concentration districts.

Scholarship to Minority Students

104. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the scholarships Government has allocated to minority students till now to encourage them to pursue higher studies;

(b) the amount of scholarship sanctioned for each student;

(c) whether the Merit-cum-Means scholarship is meant for only technical and professional courses only; and

(d) if so, the details of the percentage of beneficiaries of the total minority students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT PALA):

(a) The Government has launched the following Centrally Sponsored scholarship schemes for the students belonging to the minority communities to encourage them to pursue higher studies:-

(i) Post-matric Scholarship Scheme for students studying in class XI and upto Ph.D,

(ii) Merit-cum-Means Based Scholarship Scheme for technical and professional courses.

Since the inception of the above schemes in the year 2007 and upto 31.03.2011 a total number of 12,05,663 scholarships have been allocated to minority students across the country, under these two schemes.

(b) An amount of Rs. 769.68 crore have been sanctioned for 12,05,663 scholarships. However, the amount of scholarship sanctioned for each student varies, as the courses covered under these scholarship schemes are different from one another.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Every year 20000 fresh scholarships are being targeted under the merit-cum means based scholarship scheme. In addition those eligible for renewal are also being covered. So far 1,20,491 scholarships have been awarded to minority students under this scheme. However, since no data of minority students pursuing technical and professional courses is compiled, it may not be possible to indicate the percentage.

New Schemes for minorities

†105. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has launched three new schemes during 2009-10; and

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated so far, under those schemes, State-wise along with achievements made therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT PALA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The "Scheme for Computerisation of the records of State Wakf Boards" was launched in December, 2009. The total funds allocated for the Scheme during 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 were Rs. 10.00 crore, Rs. 13.00 crore and Rs. 5.00 Crore respectively. The achievements are given in the Statement-I (See below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.