

Identification of minority students

3512. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any fresh survey to identify minority students in the country has been initiated;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government for their scholarships?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT PALA)
: (a) No sir, no such survey has ever been undertaken by this Ministry.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Minority Affairs is implementing a Scheme for awarding Pre-matric scholarships, Post-matric scholarships, Merit cum Means based scholarships and Maulana Azad National Fellowships for students belonging to five notified minority communities. The physical and financial coverage under the schemes have been steadily rising during the last few years and the details are given in the Statement (*See below*). This scheme being target driven and there have been adequate applicants, it is not felt necessary to carry out any survey to identify minority students.

Statement

The physical and financial coverage under the schemes

I. Pre-matric Scholarships

Year	No. of students awarded scholarships	Expenditure (Rs. in crore)
2007-08	Scheme launched in 2008-09	
2008-09	5.13 lakh	62.21
2009-10	17.29 lakh	202.94
2010-11	44.21 lakh	446.25
Total	66.63 lakh	711.40

2. Post-matric Scholarships

Year	No. of students awarded scholarships	Expenditure (Rs. in crore)
2007-08	0.25 lakh	9.63
2008-09	1.7 lakh	70.63
2009-10	3.64 lakh	148.74
2010-11	5.25 lakh	228.97
Total	10.85 lakh	457.98

3. Merit-cum Means scholarships

Year	No. of students awarded scholarships	Expenditure (Rs. in crore)
2007-08	17,258	40.8
2008-09	26,195	64.73
2009-10	35,982	97.42
2010-11	41,056	108.75
Total	120,491	311.70

4. Maulana Azad National Fellowship scheme: 757 fellowships for research scholars from minority communities under the Maulana Azad National Fellowship scheme have been sanctioned for pursuing M.Phil and Ph.D. An amount of Rs. 29.98 crore has been released to UGC for awarding fellowships in 2010-11.

Promotion of wind energy

3513. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL : Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is implementing various programmes to generate energy from non conventional sources in different States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Ministry has encouraged various central organizations such as NTPC to enter into agreement with some State Governments to generate power from wind energy;