

Scholarships to minority individuals

3008. DR. AMEE YAJNIK: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data about the scholarships being provided to minorities under any scheme of the Ministry in last three years, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the details of the utilisation status of such funds and their impact so far?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI): (a) to (b) The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements three scholarship schemes namely Pre-matric Scholarship scheme, Post-matric Scholarship scheme and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship scheme throughout the country for educational empowerment of six notified minority communities namely Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain and Parsi (Zoroastrians). All three scholarship schemes are Central Sector Scheme and 100% of funds for scholarship amount is disbursed by the Ministry of Minority Affairs. These schemes are implemented through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) and the scholarship amount is directly transferred in student's bank account through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode. The details of scholarship disbursed and funds released / utilized under the above Scholarship schemes during the last three years and the current year are as under:

Scheme	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18*		2018-19	
	No. of scholarship disbursed	Fund released (₹ in Cr.)	No. of scholar-ship disbursed	Fund released (₹ in Cr.)	No. of scholar-ship disbursed	Fund released (₹ in Cr.)	No. of scholar-ship disbursed	Fund released (₹ in Cr.)
Pre-Matric Scholarship	51,78,779	906.22	41,53,524	749.43	48,74,220	983.85	Applications invited for award of scholarships	79.41
Post-Matric Scholarship	6,66,840	385.72	6,24,990	361.42	6,21,321	369.01	15.73	
Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship	1,33,582	357.98	1,21,858	323.34	1,15,981	316.57	15.53	

* Disbursement of scholarship for 2017-18 continues in 2018-19. During the above three years, 52.66 % of the total scholarships were awarded to girls.