

each of the last three years are also available on the website of Ministry of Minority Affairs.

(b) and (c) The Government, under the Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme awards scholarship to meritorious students belonging to the six centrally notified minority communities for pursuing technical and professional courses at under graduate and post graduate level in a Government or private institution in India including in the 85 reputed premier institutes, like Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Indian institute of Information Technology (IIT), National Institute of Technology (NIT), All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), etc. A student studying in any of the 85 premier institutes is eligible for reimbursement of full course fee. Physical targets are fixed for fresh scholarships under the Scheme and divided on pro-rata basis among States/Union Territories based on their population of minorities. The details of the number of minority students studying in the premier institutions of the country is not maintained. However, the details of fresh scholarships awarded through the Ministry of Minority Affairs to students studying in these premier institutions during the last three years including 2018-19 (Provisional) is 2,458.

Funds for infrastructure projects

3285. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is facing shortage of long-term funds for several infrastructure projects; and

(b) if so, the manner in which the Ministry plans to address this liquidity crunch?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI) : (a) Sir, long term funds are raised as per the Internal & Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR) approved through the demand note by the Union Budget every year.

In the year 2018-19, IEBR of ₹ 62,000 Cr was approved, against which ₹ 61,217

Cr fund was raised through long term borrowings, which include funds from LIC, Banks, NSSF and Bonds.

In the current Financial Year 2019-20 the approved IEBR is ₹ 75,000 Cr. Efforts are being made to get long terms funds from LIC, NSSF, Financial Institutions and Commercial Banks for the execution of road projects.

(b) Not applicable, in view of (a) above.

Status of NH projects in A.P.

3286. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VERMIREDDY : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 17 major National Highway (NH) projects are going to be completed before March, 2019 in Andhra Pradesh (A.P.);

(b) if so, details of each of the project that is going to be completed and status of each project, project-wise; and

(c) the details of the mechanism under which the Ministry has to periodically review the major NH projects and meetings/discussions held with State and other officials in connection with monitoring the above projects?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the details are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) Frequent reviews of NH projects at various levels with regular meetings with all stake holders including other Ministries/Departments, State Governments and Contractors at all levels are held for close monitoring of the NH projects so as to streamline issues of land acquisition & various clearances required.