

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1559  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2021**

**SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES FOR MINORITIES**

**1559. SHRI SYED ZAFAR ISLAM:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any scheme for scholarships exclusively for students from minority communities, including the State of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including pre-matric, post-matric and merit-cum-means components of such scholarship schemes; and
- (c) the details of budget earmarked for this purpose during the last three years, including State of Uttar Pradesh?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a): The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means Scholarship and Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship schemes for the educational empowerment of students belonging to the economically weaker section of the six notified minority communities i.e. Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Sikh, Zoroastrian (Parsi) in all the States including the State of Uttar Pradesh.

(b): The scheme-wise details including components of scholarships under the above mentioned schemes are as under:-

(i) **Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme-** The scholarship is provided to minority students studying in class I to X in Government/ recognized Private schools. Minimum 30% scholarships are earmarked for girls. To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/guardian's income more than Rs.1.00 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class. Scholarship ranging from Rs. 1,000/- to Rs. 10,700/- is awarded to every selected student.

(ii) **Post Matric Scholarship Scheme-** The scholarship is provided to minority students studying in Class XI to Ph.D level in Government/ recognized Private schools/Colleges/Institutes. Minimum 30% scholarships are earmarked for girls. To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/guardian's income more than Rs.2.00 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class. Scholarship ranging from Rs. 2,300/- to Rs. 15,000/- is awarded to every selected student.

(iii) **Merit-cum-Mean based Scholarship Scheme** - The scholarship is awarded for pursuing professional and technical courses at under-graduate and post-graduate levels, in institutions recognized by the appropriate authority. Under the scheme, 30% Scholarships are earmarked for girl students. To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/guardian's income more than Rs.2.50 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class. Eligible students admitted in any of the 85 reputed premier institutes for professional and technical courses listed under the Scheme are reimbursed full course fee. Students studying in other institutions are reimbursed a course fee of Rs. 20,000/- per annum and in addition a maintenance allowance of Rs. 5,000/- for day scholar and Rs. 10,000/- for hosteller per annum is also admissible.

iv) **Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship-** Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MEAF), an autonomous organization under the Ministry, provides scholarship under the scheme titled "Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship" for meritorious girls belonging to the six centrally notified minorities studying in class 9th to 12th at the rate of Rs.5000/- per year for class 9th and 10th and Rs.6000/- per year for class 11th and 12th subject to conditions that they secure a minimum of 50% marks in previous class, their parents' or guardian's annual income does not exceed Rs.2.00 lakh and the beneficiary does not get scholarship from any other sources.

(c): The Stat/UT-wise financial allocations are not made under any of the aforesaid schemes. During the last 3years, Rs.7017.51 crores have been allocated under the above said scholarship schemes. Since 2014-15 to till date more than 4 crore scholarships have been provided to students from amongst the six centrally notified Minorities namely Jain, Buddhist, Sikh, Parsi, Muslim and Christian. Out of these, girls constitute more than 50% of the beneficiaries.

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