

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2201
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2021**

'PADHO PARDESH' AND SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR MINORITIES

2201. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of implementation of 'Padho Pardesh', a scheme that provides interest subsidy to minority students for overseas studies, State-wise;
- (b) the number of students who have benefitted from this scheme in the State of Odisha; and
- (c) the details of the implementation of pre-matric, post-matric and merit-cum-means scholarship schemes for minorities, State-wise?

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements 'Padho Pardesh- Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for overseas studies for the educational empowerment of students belonging to six notified minority communities i.e. Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Parsi and Sikh in all States across the country including the State of Odisha. Under the scheme, the interest subsidy is awarded to students on the interest payable for the period of moratorium against the education loans taken for overseas studies to pursue approved courses at Masters, M.Phil or Ph.D levels. The State/UT-wise details of interest subsidies sanctioned to the minority students including State of Odisha during the years 2014-15 to 2019-20 are **annexed**.

(c): This Ministry also implements Pre-Matric, Post Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for the educational empowerment of students belonging to six notified minority communities i.e. Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Parsi and Sikh in all States throughout the country. The State/UT-wise details of scholarships sanctioned during the years 2014-15 to 2019-20 are **annexed**.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2201 for 15.03.2021 asked by Shri Sujeet Kumar regarding 'Padho Pardesh' and Scholarship scheme for minorities

State-wise details of Scholarships and Interest Subsidies sanctioned under Pre-Matric, Post Matric, Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship and Padho Pardesh Schemes during the years i.e. 2014-15 to 2019-20						
S. No.	State/UTs	Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme	Post Matric Scholarship Scheme	Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme	Padho Pardesh	Grand Total 2014-15 to 2019-20
1	Andhra Pradesh	837018	70782	12343	560	920703
2	Telangana	1067642	91283	14680	354	1173959
3	Assam	964710	187281	28666	43	1180700
4	Bihar	796945	281340	65080	33	1143398
5	Chhattisgarh	59037	13367	3082	54	75540
6	Goa	9197	1158	715	58	11128
7	Gujarat	1073811	147399	23746	509	1245465
8	Haryana	23397	20615	6344	99	50455
9	Himachal Pradesh	12602	2884	454	8	15948
10	Jammu & Kashmir	1280070	226538	37227	286	1544121
11	Jharkhand	259732	78223	11014	15	348984
12	Karnataka	2595577	347110	94188	980	3037855
13	Kerala	3589559	390370	137111	5369	4122409
14	Madhya Pradesh	598333	98507	16508	465	713813
15	Maharashtra	3727998	295195	30576	1328	4055097
16	Manipur	90291	25889	2220	5	118405
17	Meghalaya	53477	29990	6832	18	90317
18	Mizoram	370570	6282	2411	7	379270
19	Nagaland	200213	20664	7316	0	228193
20	Odisha	90824	18662	3463	16	112965
21	Punjab	2535951	380396	37382	547	2954276
22	Rajasthan	963475	168495	21542	160	1153672
23	Sikkim	9625	1187	268	0	11080
24	Tamil Nadu	2253550	266771	33802	761	2554884
25	Tripura	27854	6001	836	0	34691
26	Uttar Pradesh	3794776	547981	78451	191	4421399
26	Uttarakhand	147681	17670	3491	37	168879
28	West Bengal	5913427	565766	66041	48	6545282
29	Andaman & Nicobar	1312	85	25	1	1423
30	Chandigarh	12538	1181	119	31	13869
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	698	103	18	2	821
32	Daman & Diu	1053	211	25	3	1292
33	Delhi	23871	11457	3583	67	38978
34	Puducherry	13218	2082	332	32	15664
Total		33400032	4322925	749891	12087	38484935