

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1724  
ANSWERED ON 13.12.2021

**MINORITY PRE METRIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS FROM KERALA**

1724. DR. V. SIVADASAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of applicants for the Minority Pre Metric Scholarship from Kerala;
- (b) whether the existing quota of scholarships is enough to cover the number of application;
- (c) whether there is a large disparity between the number of applicants and the quota; and
- (d) if so, the manner in which Government intends to solve the same?

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

(a) to (d): The details of applications received from Kerala and sanctioned under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme of Ministry of Minority Affairs in 2020-21 is given in the table below:-

| Year    | Quota (Fresh) | Application Received duly Verified by the State | Sanctioned (Fresh) |
|---------|---------------|---|--------------------|
| 2020-21 | 1,92,789      | 3,71,534  | 2,98,036           |

The distribution of Scholarship among the States/Union Territories is made on the basis of population of minorities in the States/Union Territories as per the Census. It was based on Census 2001 up to 2017-18 and thereafter, it is based on Census 2011. The number of Fresh Scholarship sanctioned for Kerala so far in 2020-21 under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme is almost 155% higher than the quota. In addition 3, 01,630 renewal scholarships have also be disbursed under the Scheme so far for 2020-21. Hence, the total number of scholarship disbursed under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme of Ministry of Minority Affairs so far in 2020-21 to the beneficiaries from Kerala is 5,99,666.

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