

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 399**  
ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023

**FAKE INSTITUTIONS REGISTERED WITH NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PORTAL  
(NSP)**

399. SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that as many as 830 minority institutions registered with the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) are either fake or non-operational;
- (b) if so, how much scholarship amount these fake minority institutions have siphoned off during the last five years, year-wise and institution-wise;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that this case is now being investigated by the CBI;
- (d) whether Government has looked into other minority institutions which are about 1.8 lakhs in number and registered with NSP for scholarship; and
- (e) the details of action going to be taken against perpetrators and also against the institutions?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): Taking cognizance of Media reports published and All India Performance Audit Report, the Ministry entrusted National Council of Applied Economics and Research (NCAER) to conduct an Impact Evaluation study and Physical Verification of Institutes and applicants to evaluate implementation of Scholarship Schemes. The findings of the study indicated gross irregularities with instances where benefit of Scholarship Schemes is not reaching to the targeted beneficiaries. A total of 1,572 institutes were identified for evaluation and out of 1,572 Institutions, 830 Institutions from 21 States have been found either non-operational or fake or partial fake.

The Ministry has estimated the approximate loss of Rs. 144.33 crores to the exchequer by evaluating financial implications for the year 2017-18 to 2021-22 against these 830 institutes. The Ministry has referred the matters to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for thorough investigation.

The institute-wise financial implications from the year 2017-18 have not been compiled, however, Year-wise financial misappropriation likely to have happened in the Scholarship Schemes of the Ministry are as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Year-wise Amount against 830 Institute</b>
<b>2021-22</b>	610297713
<b>2020-21</b>	358450816
<b>2019-20</b>	261479395
<b>2018-19</b>	153350054
<b>2017-18</b>	59749796
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,44,33,27,774</b>

(d) and (e): There are approximately 1.80 lakh institutes from where the applications for availing scholarship are received. It has now been decided to conduct Aadhar based Biometric authentication of the District Nodal Officers, Institute Nodal Officers, Heads of Institutes as well beneficiaries under the Scholarship Schemes of MoMA. Ministry has also asked the State Governments to make a thorough enquiry in this matter and to take appropriate penal and disciplinary action against the fraudulent element and concerned officers.

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