

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 767**  
ANSWERED ON 29/07/2024

**DISCONTINUATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MINORITY STUDENTS**

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the name and details of scholarship schemes for students belonging to minority communities which were discontinued during the last five years;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries per annum under these scholarship schemes prior to their discontinuation; and
- (c) the details thereof, category-wise?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements various schemes for socio-economic empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities. During last five years, the ministry has implemented 3 Scholarship schemes namely (i) Pre-Matric, (ii) Post-Matric and (iii) Merit-cum-Means based scholarships for the students belonging to minority communities. The Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009 makes it obligatory for the Government to provide free and compulsory elementary education (classes I to VIII) to each and every child. Hence, only students studying in classes IX and X are covered under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme of other Ministries/ Departments. Likewise from 2022-23, the coverage under the Pre Matric Scholarship Scheme of Ministry of Minority Affairs has also been restricted to class IX and X only. The Post-Matric Scheme covers class XI to Ph.D whereas, under the Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship scheme, technical and professional courses are covered. The Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship Scheme (BHMNS) scheme, which was only for girl child of class IX to XII has been subsumed with Pre-Matric and Post-Matric scheme, since 2022-23.

The number of beneficiaries of class I to VIII under the Pre-Matric Scholarship scheme during last 5 years is **annexed**.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF RAJYA SABHA  
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<b>Class wise Applications Statistics for Pre-Matric Scholarships Scheme AY 2017-18 to AY 2021-22</b>					
<b>Class</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
I	303607	306056	317983	271624	327117
II	478519	483421	442612	404808	414837
III	561127	581637	512223	460750	499606
IV	586146	631888	561916	496362	539949
V	540962	575867	586920	521230	566638
VI	622740	678527	726242	696969	745923
VII	622760	727820	735285	721315	810181
VIII	583278	667845	680217	661741	758822
<b>Total</b>	<b>4299139</b>	<b>4653061</b>	<b>4563398</b>	<b>4234799</b>	<b>4663073</b>

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