

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:566
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PRE MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR MINORITY COMMUNITIES
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has approved a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of pre-matric scholarships for students belonging to the minority communities;
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme;
- (c) the details of the funds likely to be made available for the purpose; and
- (d) the criteria fixed to avail the benefit of the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS(A.R. ANTULAY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): The scheme is for eligible students of class I to X belonging to the minority communities. It is to be implemented through State Governments/Union Territory Administrations with funding being shared between the Centre and States in the ratio of 75:25; 100% financial assistance will be provided to Union Territories. Students with not less than 50% marks in the previous final examination, whose parents'/guardian's annual income, from all sources, does not exceed Rs.1.00 lakh are eligible for award of scholarship. It is proposed to award 25 lakh scholarships during the Eleventh Five Year Plan. Thirty per cent of the scholarships are earmarked for girl students.