

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched the National Merit Scholarship Scheme in the country;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made any assessment of the performance of the said scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of funds allocated to each State and Union Territory under the scheme during 2007-08; and
- (f) the number of scholarships given under the scheme till date in each State and Union Territory?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b) Finance Minister in his Budget Speech on 28.02.2007 has announced a National Means-cum- Merit Scholarship Scheme for students studying in Classes IX to XII. The scheme envisages award of one lakh new scholarships every year at the rate of Rs. 6000 per annum based on a selection test.

(c) No, Sir. The implementation of the scheme has not started.

(d), (e) & (f) Do not arise.