

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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EDUCATIONAL SCHEMES FOR MINORITY STUDENTS.

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**Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of girls and boys benefited and the total funds spent on various educational schemes for the students of minority communities during the last three years, year-wise, scheme-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the total funds sanctioned under these schemes for the current financial year 2010-11 and the amount spent so far, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to raise the ceiling of annual family income in case of backward classes keeping in view the increase in price indices; and
- (d) if so, the time by which decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SALMAN KHURSHID)

(a) and (b) Ministry of Minority Affairs is implementing

(i) Pre-matric,

(ii) Post-matric and

(iii) Merit- cum-means based scholarship schemes for the welfare of the students belonging to minority communities i.e. Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist and Parsi. 30% of the scholarships are earmarked for girl students. The Central Government has provided corpus of Rs.550 crores to Maulana Azad Education Foundation. The Foundation, inter-alia, provides scholarship to meritorious girl students of class XI and XII from the interest on corpus fund. The detailed information regarding the number of girls and boys benefitted and the total funds spent on various scholarship schemes for the students of minority communities during the last three years , year-wise, scheme-wise, State-wise and total funds sanctioned under these schemes for the current financial year (2010-11) upto 31.10.2010 State-wise is annexed.

(c) The annual income ceiling for Pre-matric, Post-matric, Merit-cum-means based scholarships and Scholarship to Meritorious girl students is Rs. 1 lakh, Rs. 2 lakh, Rs. 2.5 lakh and Rs. 1 lakh respectively. This income ceiling is applicable for all sections of minority communities including other backward classes (OBC) amongst them. There is no proposal to raise the income ceiling for the scholarship schemes.

(d) The question does not arise.