

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1401  
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PRE MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP TO CHILDREN  
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**Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the muslim children have benefited from the pre-metric scholarships during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) the steps being taken to cover more muslim children in the current five year plan?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

- (a) Yes, Madam. Against a Physical target of 25 Lakh Pre-matric Scholarship for the 11th Five Year Plan (2007-12), 1, 14, 32,508 number of Pre-matric Scholarships (up to 29.02.2012) have been awarded to eligible minority students, of which 89,35,525 are Muslim children.
- (b) A statement showing State-wise award of Scholarship including Andhra Pradesh since inception of the scheme is available in the website of this Ministry viz. [www.minorityaffairs.gov.in](http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in).
- (c) Scholarship Schemes are advertised in the newspapers by State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to give wide publicity inviting applications. Ministry of Minority Affairs has also under taken various extension activities like Radio jingles, Television campaigns etc. to reach out to the target group under this scheme. Frequently Asked Questions, Programme Brochures etc. have also been distributed to create awareness amongst the target groups including muslim children.