

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

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SCHOLARSHIP TO MERITORIOUS STUDENTS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to grant scholarship to the meritorious students belonging to minority communities for pursuing higher education (research); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Centrally sponsored Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for students belonging to minority communities has been initiated from 29-11-2007. Scholarship is awarded for study in India in a government or private higher secondary school/ college/university, including such residential institutes of the government and eligible private institutes selected and notified in a transparent manner by the State Government/Union Territory Administration concerned . Scholarship @ Rs.510/- per month for hostellers and Rs.330/-per month for day scholars is awarded for researchers at M.Phil and Ph.D level to those who are not in receipt of any fellowship by any university or other authority. There is also a 'Meritcum-Means Scholarship Scheme' for meritorious students belonging to minority communities to enable them to pursue professional and technical courses. Twenty thousand scholarships are available under this scheme. The rate of scholarship under this is Rs.30,000 per annum for hostellers and Rs.25,000 per annum for day scholars.