

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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UTILIZATION OF FUNDS

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the allocations made and percentage of allocations spent for Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) under various schemes, since inception of the scheme in 2008-09;
- (b) whether the pre-matric and post-matric scholarships for the minority communities are properly utilised by the State Governments;
- (c) if so, the performance report thereof, State-wise for the above period; and
- (d) the steps taken to utilise the funds properly?

Answer

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

(a) : Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) was launched in 2008-09 with an allocation of Rs.3780 crore for 11th Five Year Plan. Out of this, Rs.2980 crore (79% of total allocation) has been released for 90 Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) for implementation of various schemes under MsDP.

(b) : Yes, Madam.

(c) : State-wise performance report in respect of Pre-matric and Post-matric Scholarships Schemes since inception is annexed at Annexure I and II.

(d): This Ministry gives utmost emphasis on proper advertisement and publicity of scholarship schemes for the minority. Multimedia campaigns are being carried out to reach the target group. In order to promote transparency, uploading of the list of beneficiaries on the website by the State Governments/UT Administration has been made mandatory. Activity- wise time-lines have been laid down and communicated to the States/Union Territories for various Scholarship Schemes of the Ministry. Subsequent release of funds has been made subject to submission of Utilization Certificate/s in respect of funds released in the previous years. Thus, all out efforts have been continuing for effective utilization of funds.