

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1913
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2012
PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS TO MUSLIM CHILDREN
Reddy Shri K. Jayasurya Prakash

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that about 52 lakh Muslim children benefited from the pre-matric scholarships in the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) the steps being taken to cover more muslim children during the current year?

Answer

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

- (a) : More than 95 lakh Muslim children have benefited under the Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme from inception of the scheme in 2008-09 till the end of the 11th Five Year Plan i.e. 31.03.2012.
- (b) : Detail of State-wise Muslim children who have benefited from the Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme including Andhra Pradesh from inception of the scheme up to the end of the Eleventh Five Year Plan i.e. 31.03.2012 is annexed.
- (c) : Allocation during the current year has been increased by 50%, i.e. from Rs. 600 crore in 2011-12 to Rs. 900 crore in 2012-13 in order to cover more minority students under the Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme which also includes Muslim students.