

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1942  
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INCREASE IN SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES  
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**Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of scholarship schemes for the students of minority communities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes also to make the scholarship schemes demand based; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to streamline the procedure relating to providing scholarships?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE, MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (VINCENT H. PALA)

- (a) No such proposal is under consideration.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) The Working Group on the 12th Five Year Plan constituted by the Planning Commission recommended to make the Scholarship Schemes demand driven in order to cover all eligible minority students.
- (d) Online Scholarship Management System (OSMS) for Merit-cum Means based Scholarship Scheme has been introduced from the year 2011-12 to facilitate students to apply online from anywhere in the country. OSMS has also been extended to Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme from 2012-13. In addition, State Governments/UT Administrations have been directed to simplify the procedure involved in applying for scholarships.