

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN ALLOCATION FOR PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the allocation for scholarships to students of minority communities;
- (b) if so, the amount of increase of allocation for the current year;
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to consider increase of allocation of scholarships to minority students, in view of the fact that many deserving students were denied scholarships during the past years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) & (b): The financial allocations for the three scholarship schemes i.e. Pre-matric, Post-matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship schemes have increased every year during 11th Five Year Plan. The scheme-wise annual financial allocations since inception of the schemes and the current year are as under:-

(Rs. in Crore)

Scheme	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	-08	-09	-10	-11	-12	-13

Pre-matric Scheme not 79.90 200.00 450.00 600.00 900.00
launched

Post-matric 60.00 69.93 150.00 265.00 450.00 500.00

Merit-cum-Means 54.00 65.00 100.00 135.00 140.00 220.00

(c) & (d): Do not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.