GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINORITY AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2892 ANSWERED ON:14.03.2013 IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES Kumar Shri Shailendra

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the scholarship schemes for students of minority communities is not being implemented in some States of the country including Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government has urged the State Governments including Gujarat for proper implementation of the said schemes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the response of the State Governments thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI NINONG ERING)

- (a) No, Madam. Government of India implements all its Scholarship Scheme viz. Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme, Post-matric Scholarship Scheme and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme for the students of notified minority communities on all India basis.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) and (d) In the beginning of each Financial Year, Physical targets and activity timeline for the three Scholarship Schemes are communicated to all States/ Union Territories including Gujarat. Tentative Financial allocation under the Pre-matric and Post-matric Scholarship Schemes are also communicated to States/ Union Territories. Regional review meetings video conferences and meetings at Head Quarter level are conducted to achieve the targets under these schemes. Further, the Ministry of Minority Affairs finalizes its media plan in consultation with Directorate of Audio and Visual Publicity (DAVP), All India Radio (AIR), Door Darshan (DD), National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) etc. at the beginning of each financial year. To reach the target groups, Multimedia campaigns are used for this purpose.
- (e) Most State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations apply and achieve their targets under these Scholarship Schemes except a few States like. Gujarat which does not avail Pre -matric Scholarship; while Arunachal Pradesh and Lakshadweep have not availed these Scholarships as their students are availing Scholarships from schemes of other Ministries.