

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4396

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds envisaged and actually allocated by the Union Government to various States for providing the scholarships to minority students under various scholarship schemes in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of scholarship schemes for the students of the minority communities in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to simplify the procedure for awarding the scholarships and to identify the lacunae and shortcomings in the existing scholarship schemes;
- (e) if so, whether the Government proposes to constitute an expert panel to look into these issues; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) : There is no State-wise allocation of funds under the various Scholarship Schemes for students belonging to minority communities. Only physical targets are allocated. The actual fund released to State Governments/Union Territories during the last three years and current year is Annexed.
- (b) : No, Madam.
- (c) : Does not arise.
- (d) : From 2014-15 the Scholarship Schemes will be implemented as Central Sector Schemes. Scholarship amount under Post-Matric and Merit-cum Means based Scholarship Scheme will be directly credited to the bank account of the student.
- (e) : No, Madam.
- (f) : Does not arise.