

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4452
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PROPOSALS FOR WELFARE OF MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposals from the Government of West Bengal for the welfare of minorities in the State during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon;
- (c) the details of pending proposals along with the reasons for their pendency; and
- (d) the time by which the pending proposals are likely to be cleared by the Union Government?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. Under Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP), the State Governments are allocated funds for its implementation. The plan proposals from State Government are received accordingly and all the plan proposals from State Government with adequate information and clarification have been approved by the Empowered Committee in the Ministry in its various meetings held till 12.02.2014. During 11th Five Year Plan, against total allocation of Rs.686.10 to the State of West Bengal, plan proposals for Rs. 685.79 crore were approved and Rs. 611.39 crore was released. During financial year 2012-13, plan proposals for Rs. 335.43 crore were approved and Rs. 200.55 crore was released and for 2013-14, plan proposals for Rs. 576.51 crore have been approved and Rs. 329.10 crore has been released.

Under scholarship schemes, on the basis of proposals received, number of Scholarships sanctioned for students belonging to minority communities and funds released to the State of West Bengal during the last three years and current year are as under:-

| Year | Pre-matric Scholarship Schemes | Post-matric Scholarship Schemes | Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes | | | |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Number of Scholarship sanctioned | Fund released (Rs. In crore) | Number of Scholarship sanctioned | Fund released (Rs. In crore) | Number of Scholarship sanctioned | Fund released (Rs. In crore) |
| 2010-11 | 913002 | 76.53 | 87752 | 25.77 | 6599 | 17.14 |
| 2011-12 | 955205 | 82.98 | 118441 | 46.87 | 5539 | 14.84 |
| 2012-13 | 1165386 | 111.87 | 125909 | 56.95 | 4354 | 12.01 |
| 2013-14 | 1869161 | 169.36 | 195331 | 90.87 | 10468 | 28.19 |
| (as on 18.02.2014) | | | | | | |