

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the budget allocated under the Special Scholarship Scheme for minority students the number of minority students who have been provided the scholarship in different States during the last three years; and

(b) the details of unspent money under the Scheme during the above period, year-wise and the reasons for not utilizing the funds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a): Under this ministry there is no scheme named "The Special Scholarship Scheme for minority students". However, for the educational empowerment of students belonging to the notified minority communities, this ministry implements three scholarship schemes i.e. Pre-matric, Post-matric and Merit-cum-Means based scholarship schemes. The number of scholarships provided to students in different states during the last three years is annexed.

(b): From 2014-15 funds under Post-matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes are transferred directly to the beneficiaries' bank accounts through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode. Under Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme funds are released to States/UTs each year after adjusting the unspent amount available with them against the number of scholarships approved for award in that year. Hence, there is no unspent balance with States/UTs for a period longer than a year.