

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5804
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MERIT CUM MEANS SCHOLARSHIP
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of students belonging to the minority communities in various States including Kerala were denied Merit-cum Means Scholarships for the academic year 2014-15;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has received any representation regarding the aforesaid matter; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto along with the steps taken by the Government to ensure that scholarship schemes are implemented effectively?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Against the target of 60,000 fresh Merit-cum Means (MCM) Scholarships; 81,291 fresh scholarships were awarded under the scheme during 2014-15 including 7947 fresh MCM scholarships for Kerala against the target of 4316.
- (c): No Madam.
- (d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.