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Title: Need to release scholarships under Prime Minister Scholarship Scheme to students pursuing various professional and technical courses in Jammu and Kashmir.

SHRI THUPSTAN CHEHWANG (LADAKH): Hundreds of students from Jammu and Kashmir State have been approaching me and other Hon'ble Members of Parliament complaining about non- release of Scholarships under Prime Minister Scholarship Scheme and seeking help from us. All these students have been duly selected by AICTE to pursue courses in B. Tech, BDS, B.Com, BBA and Nursing etc., after having fulfilled all the norms and conditions as stipulated under rules. In spite of the fact that these students have been admitted for years, their scholarships have not yet been released by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. These institutions are now asking these students to either deposit the fees or leave the institution which has put a lot of stress on the students. I have been approaching Hon'ble Minister of HRD and other concerned authorities but no action seems to have been taken in this matter. All these students come from economically weaker section and their parents are not in a position to pay the fee even if they want to. I, therefore, request the concerned authorities to initiate action on priority basis in the matter.