

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3503
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2019**

DECLINE IN MINORITY SCHOLARSHIPS

3503. DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of applications received for the minority scholarships and the total number of minority scholarships granted during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether there has been a decline in disbursement of minority scholarships during the last three years; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

- (a): Details of number of applications received and beneficiaries awarded scholarships under the Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme, Post-matric Scholarship Scheme and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for the last three years are given in the table below:

Scheme	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18	
	No. of applications received	No. of beneficiaries awarded	No. of applications received	No. of beneficiaries awarded	No. of applications received	No. of beneficiaries awarded
Pre-matric Scholarship	69,82,276	51,78,779	86,35,428	41,53,524	96,50,248	48,74,220
Post-matric Scholarship	17,30,089	6,66,840	18,03,649	6,24,990	17,35,599	6,21,321
Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship	2,62,829	1,33,582	2,80,639	1,21,858	2,49,230	1,16,452
Total	89,75,194	59,79,201	1,07,19,716	49,00,372	1,16,35,077	56,11,993

- (b) & (c): The launching of National Scholarship Portal (NSP) software in 2015 and implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode for payment of scholarship directly into the student's bank account have eliminated duplication and leakage and prevented fake / fraudulent applications causing minor reduction in the number of scholarships awarded. The process has now become more transparent and accountable and provides scholarship to the really needy and genuine beneficiaries.
