

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *195
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.07.2019**

SCHOLARSHIPS TO MINORITY STUDENTS

***195. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of pre-matric, post-matric, merit-cum-means and other scholarships disbursed by the Union Government to the minority students during each of the last five years;and
- (b) the manner in which the number of such scholarships is likely to beincreased to 5 crore during the next five years?

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

(a)to (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *195 FOR ANSWER ON 04.07.2019 ASKED BY SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE REGARDING 'SCHOLARSHIPS TO MINORITY STUDENTS'

(a): The number of scholarships disbursed by the Ministry of Minority Affairs to the students belonging to the six notified minority communities under Pre-Matric, Post Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes and by the Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF), a registered Society under the Ministry of Minority Affairs, to meritorious girl students belonging to the six notified minority communities under the Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship (BHMNS) Scheme during the last five years, are as follows:

During the Last Five Years	Scholarships (Number of beneficiaries)			
	Pre-Matric	Post-Matric	Merit-Cum-Means	BHMNS
	2,73,42,859	34,83,889	6,12,718	4,41,002
Total	3,18,80,468			

Includes provisional data for 2018-19.

Since, 2015, the scholarship schemes are being implemented through Direct Benefit transfer (DBT) mode to improve the efficiency and bring transparency by removing duplicity and stopping pilferages.

(b): It is proposed to disburse scholarships under the three Scholarship Schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs to 5 crore beneficiaries belonging to economically weaker-section minority students over the next five years by popularising them among the six centrally notified minority communities namely Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Parsi and Sikh. Further measures will be taken to increase renewal scholarships and minimize the dropout rates particularly under the pre-matric and post matric Schemes to ensure that a child once registered under these Schemes completes school education or the training in the vocation of her/his choice.
