

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2056
ANSWERED ON 11/02/2026

IMPACT OF PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP DISCONTINUATION

2056. SMT. SAJDA AHMED:

Will the Minister of Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the educational development of minority communities including enrolment and retention rates and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Merit-Cum-Means and Pre-Matric Scholarship for minority students have been discontinued and if so, the reasons therefor along with the impact of this discontinuation on enrolment, dropout and academic performance of minority students; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken to support minority education including alternative scholarships or financial assistance?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Education's UDISE+ (Unified District Information System for Education Plus) - a unified platform publishes reports from time to time, pertaining to enrolment and dropout rate of students, covering various social categories.

Ministry of Minority Affairs implements various schemes, including Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means Scholarship schemes, across the country for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the six notified minority communities. However, the schemes have not been approved for implementation beyond 2021-22.

The National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) a Government of India Undertaking (Ministry of Minority Affairs), offers financial assistance to minority students under its education loan scheme for pursuing technical and professional courses.
