

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4056
ANSWERED ON 12/08/2026**

BENEFICIARIES SELECTED UNDER INSPIRE SHE

4056. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of Science and Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the number of applications received, students selected and scholarships awarded under Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research Scholarship for Higher Education (INSPIRE SHE) since 2019-20, year and State/UT-wise;**
- (b) whether the annual target of awarding 12,000 scholarships under INSPIRE SHE has been achieved each year-wise since 2019-20 and if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons for the shortfall;**
- (c) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised under INSPIRE SHE since 2019-20, year-wise;**
- (d) the gender-wise and rural-urban details of beneficiaries selected under INSPIRE SHE since 2019-20; and**
- (e) whether the Government has assessed the effectiveness of INSPIRE SHE in increasing the rate of talented youth entering higher education and research careers in basic and natural sciences?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES
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(a) to (b): The annual target for awarding scholarships under the Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research - Scholarship for Higher Education (INSPIRE-SHE) Scheme, including both the Direct Mode and the Institution Mode, has been achieved. Scholarships under the Scheme are awarded strictly to eligible candidates as per the approved provisions and selection criteria. The year-wise and State/UT-wise details of applications received, students selected and scholarships awarded under INSPIRE-SHE since 2019-20 are given below:

State/UT	Total Applications received						Total number of students selected/scholarships awarded					
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Andaman and Nicobar	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	160	55	49	35	40	14	95	25	18	18	32	0

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	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Arunachal Pradesh	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assam	114	123	240	145	176	98	64	45	115	75	73	31
Bihar	686	945	345	289	299	655	433	292	154	165	165	257
Chandigarh	12	5	6	11	5	8	8	0	2	5	1	2
Chhattisgarh	249	296	373	503	610	494	172	132	273	345	420	300
Dadra Nagar Haveli	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Delhi	195	201	134	116	108	96	119	41	50	46	51	41
Goa	6	3	3	1	6	1	5	1	2	1	5	1
Gujarat	267	273	234	124	121	54	173	116	192	78	79	26
Haryana	286	755	760	219	111	130	149	154	321	78	49	48
Himachal Pradesh	357	450	339	248	219	174	237	219	257	170	137	94
Jharkhand	49	80	47	69	54	36	23	20	22	24	23	10
Jammu & Kashmir	23	53	48	81	15	5	11	11	24	37	2	2
Karnataka	117	191	223	104	104	117	50	42	53	36	30	9
Kerala	977	1737	1807	1180	1043	893	525	299	731	410	365	158
Ladakh	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	821	1328	1047	743	811	1289	617	655	699	513	583	755
Maharashtra	685	822	1092	506	370	164	463	379	443	332	234	53
Manipur	171	197	178	154	194	151	116	111	172	118	138	93
Meghalaya	6	14	86	54	62	37	4	6	69	38	49	22
Mizoram	3	1	2	6	17	5	3	1	2	0	13	3
Nagaland	26	31	29	14	14	13	20	19	23	9	9	7
Odisha	301	229	409	228	192	434	99	84	93	121	108	151
Punjab	178	251	163	174	126	164	106	71	83	95	72	74
Puducherry	1	3	3	1	6	2	1	0	2	1	2	0
Rajasthan	4154	5090	2350	3703	3890	4384	2937	2756	1197	2777	2869	2430
Sikkim	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tamil Nadu	34	105	118	40	36	43	18	22	26	19	19	14
Telangana	110	168	102	25	78	55	52	41	38	6	27	17
Tripura	4	2	5	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	1	0
Uttar Pradesh	4111	7327	7460	5417	8505	10808	2579	3580	4217	3846	5372	6165
Uttarakhand	723	792	938	492	601	532	487	402	740	366	410	291
West Bengal	1956	2933	1495	2294	627	535	1196	934	839	810	367	239
Total	16782	24467	20087	16979	18443	21392	10764	10461	10859	10539	11705	11294

(c) The details of funds allocated, released and utilised under INSPIRE SHE since 2019-20, year-wise is given below:

Financial Year	Total Amount allocated/released/utilized (Rs. in Cr.)
2019-20	228.12
2020-21	238.64
2021-22	220.63
2022-23	233.02
2023-24	212.19
2024-25	213.86
2025-26	232.17

(d) The gender-wise and rural-urban details of beneficiaries selected under INSPIRE SHE since 2019-20 are given below:

Gender-wise details

Financial Year	Students Selected	Male	Female
2019-20	10764	5885	4879
2020-21	10461	5514	4947
2021-22	10859	4952	5907
2022-23	10539	4905	5634
2023-24	11705	5193	6512
2024-25	11294	4799	6495

Rural-urban details

Financial Year	Students Selected	Rural	Urban
2019-20	10764	7400	3364
2020-21	10461	7284	3177
2021-22	10859	7633	3226
2022-23	10539	7878	2661
2023-24	11705	7760	3945
2024-25	11294	6004	5290

(e) The Government regularly reviews the implementation and outcomes of the INSPIRE-SHE scheme.
