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SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES FOR MINORITY COMMUNITIES

More than 4.52 crore beneficiaries provided scholarships in the last 7 years

Of this 76% i.e 2.34 crore are Muslim students; 53% beneficiaries females

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Introduction¹

The Government of India has implemented numerous schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every section of the society including minorities especially the economically weaker and deprived sections of the society. The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements various programmes/ schemes for socio-economic and educational empowerment of six notified minority communities viz. Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Parsi and Sikh.

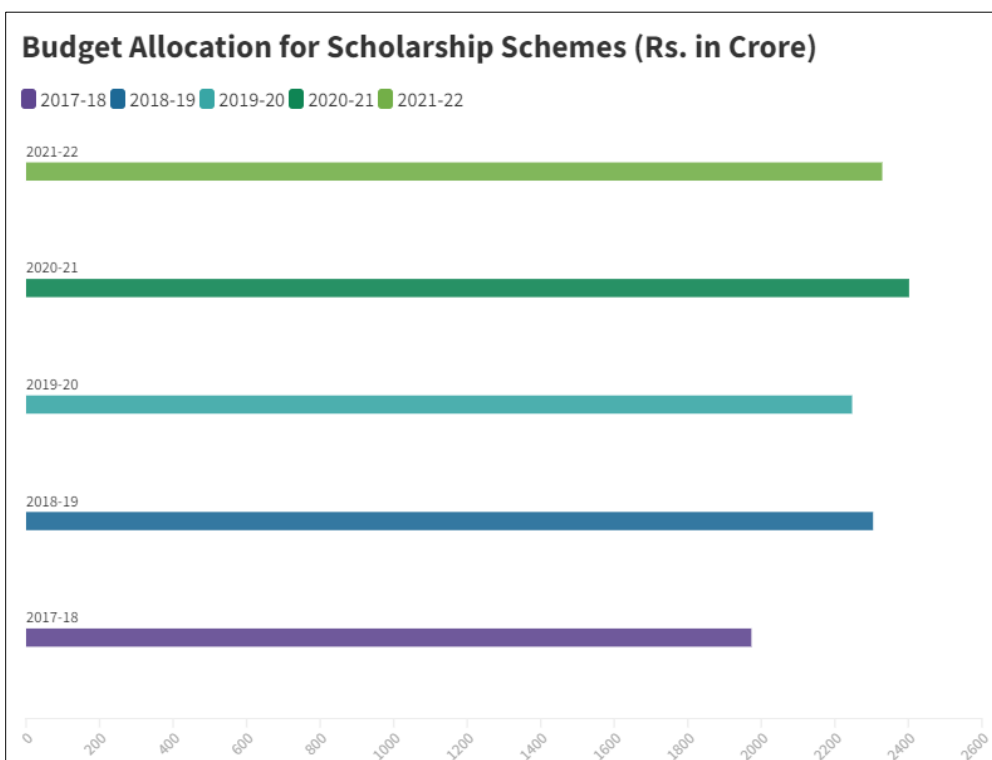
The different scholarship schemes/programmes encourage parents from minority communities to send their children to school, lighten their financial burden on school education and sustain their efforts to support their children to complete school education. The schemes form the foundation for their educational attainment and provide a level playing field in the competitive employment arena. Empowerment through education, which is also one of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG), has the potential for upliftment of the socio economic conditions of the minority communities.

Budget Allocation

The budget allocation for scholarship schemes for minorities was Rs 1,973 crore in 2017-18 which has increased by 15 per cent to Rs 2,329 crore in 2021-22. The details of budget allocations under these schemes during 2017-18 to 2021-22 are as under:

Scholarship Schemes	Budget Allocation (Rs. in Crore)				
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
	1973.54	2304	2247.74	2402.5	2329.12

¹ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1778489>



To see State/UT-wise details of scholarships sanctioned under the above mentioned Schemes during 2017-18 to 2020-21 [click here](#)²

Beneficiaries:³

During the last seven years, more than 4.52 crore beneficiaries have been provided different scholarships through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP)⁴ and Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)⁵ out of which more than 53 per cent beneficiaries are female.

The details of category-wise number and number of scholarships sanctioned under the above-mentioned Scholarship Schemes during 2016-17 to 2020-21 are as follows⁶:

Buddhist	Christian	Jain	Muslim	Sikh	Parsi	Total Scholarships Sanctioned	Amount (Rs in Crore)
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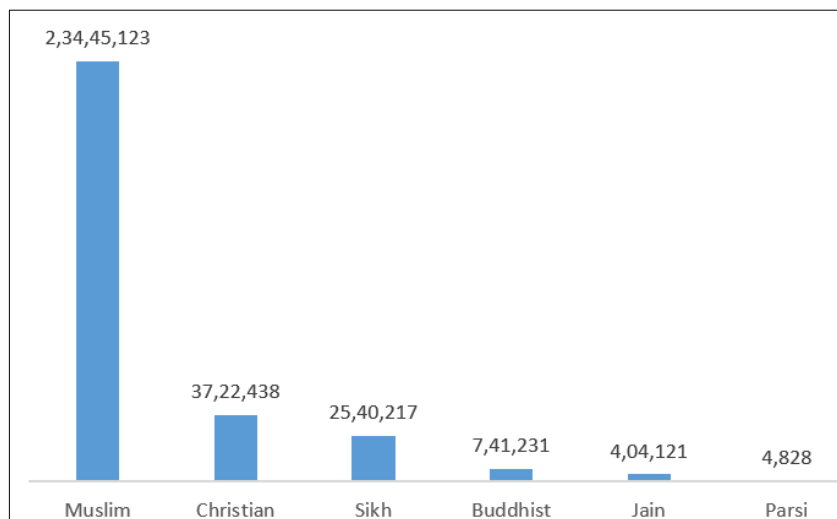
² <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1778489>

³ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1739045>

⁴ <https://scholarships.gov.in/>

⁵ <https://dbtbharat.gov.in/>

⁶ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaselframePage.aspx?PRID=1805847>



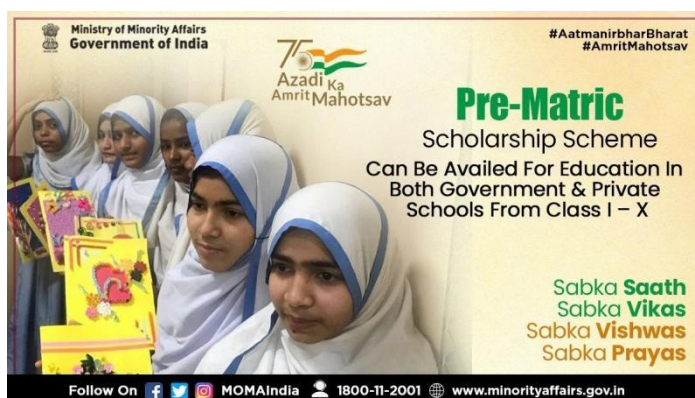
Scholarship Schemes for Minorities:

The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements three Scholarships Schemes viz; Pre-Matric, Post Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for the educational empowerment of students belonging to economically weaker section of the six notified minority communities i.e. Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Parsi and Sikh in all States/UTs across the country. The Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF)⁷ under the Ministry of Minority Affairs also implements the Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship Scheme (BHMNS)⁸ for meritorious girl students belonging to the six notified minority communities.

The schemes/programmes implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs in brief are as under:

Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme⁹:

- To encourage parents from minority communities to send their school going children to school.
- To form the foundation for minority communities children educational attainment and provide a level playing field in the competitive employment arena.



⁷ <https://www.maef.nic.in/>

⁸ <https://bhmnsmaef.org/maefwebsite/>

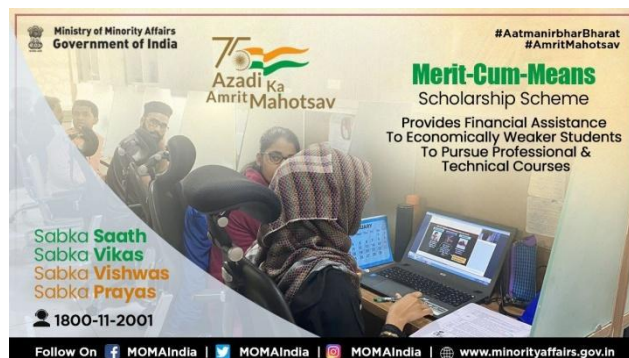
⁹ https://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/sites/default/files/Pre-matric_5.pdf

Post-Matric Scholarship¹⁰

- To award scholarships to meritorious students belonging to economically weaker sections of minority community so as to provide them better opportunities for higher education, increase their rate of attainment in higher education and enhance their employability.

Merit-cum-Means Based Scholarship¹¹

- To provide financial assistance to the poor and meritorious students belonging to minority communities to enable them to pursue professional and technical courses.



Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship¹²

- To recognize, promote and assist girl students belonging to National Minorities who cannot continue their education due to lack of financial support.

Scheme-wise details of the funds released/utilised to meet the scheme objectives and number of beneficiaries under various schemes during the last two years and previous year i.e. 2019-20 to 2021-22 (till 30.06.2021)

S. No.	Schemes	Expenditure (Rs. in Crores)*	No of Beneficiaries*
1	Pre-Matric Scholarship	2670.75	10614317
2	Post-Matric Scholarship	942.21	1391274
3	Merit-cum-Means	700.09	235973
4	Maulana Azad National Fellowship	203.50	1726

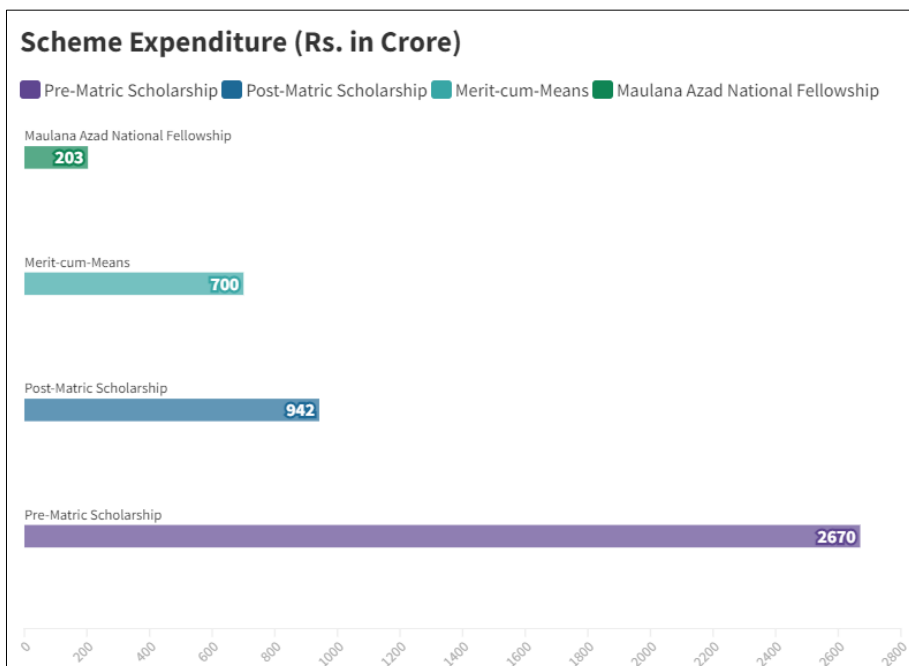
To see details [click here](#)¹³

¹⁰ https://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/sites/default/files/Post-matric_3.pdf

¹¹ https://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/sites/default/files/MCM_4.pdf

¹² https://bhmnsmaef.org/maefwebsite/pdf/Scheme%20Guideline_BHMNS.pdf

¹³ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1737752>



The table below depicts the state-wise details of scholarships sanctioned under Pre-Matric, Post-Matric, Merit-cum-Means based scholarship schemes and Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship Scheme, during the last three years (2018-19 to 2020-21*)

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF SCHOLARSHIPS SANCTIONED UNDER PRE-MATRIC, POST MATRIC, MERIT-CUM-MEANS BASED SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES AND BEGUM HAZRAT MAHAL NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS (2018-19 TO 2020-21*)	
States/UTs	Scholarship Sanctioned for 2018-19 to 2020-21*
Andhra Pradesh	510957
Telangana	577246
Assam	799854
Bihar	829026
Chhattisgarh	22768
Goa	2664
Gujarat	472926
Haryana	41915
Himachal Pradesh	7216
Jammu & Kashmir	1363797
Jharkhand	192612
Karnataka	1760925
Kerala	2174404
Ladakh	16626
Madhya Pradesh	455571
Maharashtra	2399620
Manipur	124163

Meghalaya	55115
Mizoram	153787
Nagaland	169941
Odisha	52732
Punjab	1498743
Rajasthan	551461
Sikkim	1525
Tamil Nadu	1243478
Tripura	16493
Uttar Pradesh	2630409
Uttarakhand	88567
West Bengal	1420087
Andaman & Nicobar	3275
Chandigarh	5130
Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	1088
Delhi	25387
Puducherry	11616

*Disbursement of Scholarships for 2020-21 continues in 2021-22

The table below depicts the state-wise details of minority students benefited/allocated under free coaching and allied scheme during the last four years i.e. 2018-19 to 2021-22 (till December 20, 2021)

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF MINORITY STUDENTS BENEFITED/ALLOCATED UNDER FREE COACHING AND ALLIED SCHEME DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS AND CURRENT F.Y. YEAR I.E. 2018-19 TO 2021-22 (TILL DATE)

State	No. of Beneficiary allocated
Andhra Pradesh	1700
Assam	150
Bihar	200
Chandigarh	340
Chhattisgarh	400
Delhi	378
Gujarat	1550
Haryana	950
Jammu and Kashmir	200
Jharkhand	360
Karnataka	2899

Kerala	1230
Madhya Pradesh	2260
Maharashtra	2880
Manipur	350
Meghalaya	300
Punjab	1000
Rajasthan	1150
Tamil Nadu	400
Uttar Pradesh	9040
West Bengal	2380

Video References:

- [Merit-Cum-Means Scholarship Scheme of Ministry of Minorities Welfare](#)

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