

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR MINORITIES  
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**Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any scheme in Prime Minister's 15 Point programme for the scholarships of Minority students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of scholarships considering the large number of minority students in Kerala;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has received any request from the State of Kerala in this regard; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R.ANTULAY)

(a) & (b): The following two scholarship schemes have been formulated for students belonging to the minority communities in pursuance of the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities:

- (1) Scheme of post-matric scholarships.
- (2) Scheme of pre-matric scholarships.

(c) to (e): A request has been received from the State of Kerala for increasing the number of pre-matric scholarships for students belonging to the minority communities. The allocation of scholarships to all States, including Kerala, has been made on the basis of the population of the notified minority communities in the State. Out of a total of 4 lakh scholarships for 2008-09, the allocation for Kerala is 29,380.