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Title: Need to extend the date for the submission of applications for the Merit cum Means Scholarship for the academic year 2010-2011 in Kerala.

SHRI ANTO ANTONY (PATHANAMATHITTA) : I request the Government to kindly extend last date for the submission of application for the Merit cum Means (MCM) Scholarship for the academic year of 2010-11. Due to the delayed admission process, majority of students in Kerala could not apply for the Scholarship. As far as the Merit cum Means Scholarship is concerned, students have to apply for it in their first semester. If they fail to submit the application in the first semester. They will not get the Scholarship for the entire course. The mistake committed by the Government of Kerala has adverse impact on the students in the State eligible for the scheme. Negation of MCM Scholarship to the eligible students is not in consonance with its intended aim. Having considered the grievances of the students in Kerala, I request the Government to kindly extend the due date for the submission of application for the MCM Scholarship for the 2010-11 academic year, so that the eligible students are not deprived of it.