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Title: Need to reconsider the applications of students belonging to minority communities in Kerala whose Merit-cum-Means scholarship have been rejected due to minor technical error.

SHRI ANTO ANTONY (PATHANAMTHITTA): I request the Government to kindly redress the grievance of 2000 students in the State of Kerala whose applications for the Merit-cum-means scholarship have been rejected due to small technical mistake. It is learnt that each applicant will lose Rs. 30,000 this year. This means a loss of Rs. 6 crore to the Minority students in Kerala. This is against the spirit and intention of the Means-cum-Merit scholarship. The State Government of Kerala has requested the Central Government also to help these students. Therefore, I humbly request the Government to consider the case of these students on humanitarian grounds and do the needful so that they avail the Means-cum-Merit scholarship.