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Title: Regarding technical glitches in National Scholarship Portal and empowerment to disburse the scholarship to minority students directly by State Government.

SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE (SREERAMPUR): Hon. Deputy Speaker, it is a matter of great concern that primarily a large number of students from minority communities have still not received the pre-matric, post-matric and merit-cum-scholarship for previous year 2015-16. The State Government has been kept in dark. No information is being given. Students are not in a position to apply due to slow response of the portal. There are connectivity problems in many areas. Four lakh students are not in a position to make the application. This portal is riddled with all technical glitches. What I am saying is that all the State Governments be permitted to opt out of the National Scholarship Portal and be empowered to disburse the scholarships to minority students electronically through DBT or with appropriate backward linkage to NSP. Our Chief Minister has informed the hon. Prime Minister but no steps have been taken. This may be taken care of.