

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

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HIGHER EDUCATION OF MINORITY GIRLS

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether higher education level in minority girls in the country is not satisfactory;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of schemes being implemented by Ministry to promote higher education amongst minority girls and women in the country, especially in rural areas; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated/utilised during each of the last three years and the current year to promote higher education amongst minority girls and women, State-wise and year-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a) & (b): As per 'All India Survey on Higher Education, 2015-16' of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education which covers University, College and Stand-Alone institutions, 11,21,066 minority women were enrolled in higher education during 2015-16, as compared to 8,96,473 during 2012-13.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Minority Affairs is implementing the following Schemes for educational empowerment, especially in higher education, of six notified Minority Communities viz Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Parsi and Sikh:

- i. Post-Matric scholarship scheme (for class XI to Ph.D.);
- ii. Merit-cum-means based scholarship scheme (for technical and professional courses at under-graduate and post-graduate levels);
- iii. Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) (for minority students pursuing higher studies i.e. M.Phil and Ph.D.);
- iv. Padho Pardesh Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for the students belonging to the minority Communities;
- v. Education Loan Scheme, implemented by National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC).

In these educational empowerment schemes, at least 30% of the targets are earmarked for girls/women students and the actual percentage given to girls/women in many cases are as

high as 50%. The Scheme-wise and State-wise details of financial achievements made during each of the last three years and the current year in respect of the above schemes are available on the website- www.minorityaffairs.gov.in. State-wise and Gender-wise data is not maintained in respect of MANF and Padho Pardesh schemes.
