

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

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NEW SCHEMES FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) which are additional new schemes implemented by Central Waqf Council for the education and skill development of women in the last three years ending January, 2018;
- (b) which are the new schemes that have been introduced to empower the women and for enabling their economic growth to regain and for helping them their social status;
- (c) a list of such effective schemes with proven results for the last three years ending January, 2018, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) whether any financial assistance for self employment opportunities is also available for such women, if so, details of such schemes?

ANSWER

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

- (a) In the Financial Year 2017-18, the Central Waqf Council decided to provide training through NGOs to women for their empowerment in the trades of i) Tailoring & Knitting ii) Food Processing iii) Embroidery and iv) Cloth Printing. Further, the Council also decided to provide coaching for the muslim students for competitive examinations for jobs which are based at graduation level through Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi and Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Aligarh.
- (b) to (d) : Ministry of Minority Affairs has implemented the following schemes/programmes for educational empowerment of six centrally notified minorities, with separate earmarking of targets for women/girls. These schemes which are currently implemented in the current 14th Finance Commission period are:-
 - (1) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme
 - (2) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme
 - (3) Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme
 - (4) Maulana Azad National Fellowship

- (5) Free coaching and Allied Scheme
- (6) Nai Manzil - Integrated education and livelihood initiative for minority communities.
- (7) Padho Pardes - Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies.
- (8) Nai Udaan - Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Service Commission (PSC) .

At least 30% of the target under the schemes at S.No. 1 to 7 above are earmarked for girl students. The aforesaid schemes have been implemented for the minority community in all the states/UTs.

Besides Ministry of Minority Affairs has implemented three specific schemes which are exclusively for women. These are as follows:-

- (i) Nai-Roshni - for Leadership Development of minority women belonging to notified minority communities. The scheme aims to empower and instill confidence in women by providing knowledge, tool and techniques for interacting with Government system and others at all levels. The scheme is implemented through selected Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) all over the country. NITI Ayyog has also conducted an evaluation study on 'Nai – Roshni'. Majority of the findings of the study indicate that the Programme has been appreciated by most of the segments of the population of the society and it has assisted in creating confidence among minority women and developed leadership spirit in them.
- (ii) Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for Meritorious Girls – The Scheme provides scholarships to meritorious girls studying in class IX to XII belonging to minorities. The scheme is implemented through Maulana Azad Education Foundation.
- (iii) Mahila Samridhi Yojana – The scheme is implemented through National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) wherein skill development training is imparted to group of women in women friendly trades. Training period is of maximum six months and raw material cost of upto Rs.1,500/- per trainee and stipend @ Rs.1000/- per trainee is provided. During the period of training, women are formed into Self Help Group, followed by infusion of micro-credit maximum upto Rs.1.00 lacs per member for the purpose of using the skill developed during the training, for income generation activities.

Details of all the above schemes are available on the websites of this Ministry (www.minorityaffairs.gov.in), Maulana Azad Education Foundation (www.maef.nic.in) and NMDFC (www.nmdfc.org).
