

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

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Economic and Educational Survey of minority communities

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any survey has been conducted to analyse the pathetic economic condition, educational background of minority groups in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of policy and other interventions that Ministry has taken during the last three years and proposes to take in future to bring them up, at least, to the national average?

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes, Sir. A study known as “Social, Economic and Educational Status of the Muslim Community of India” was carried out in respect of the largest minority group, i.e. the Muslims by a high level committee (popularly known as Sachar Committee). The findings are available on the website of the Ministry of Minority Affairs at, “www.minorityaffairs.gov.in”.

(b): During the last three years, the Ministry has taken various policy and other interventions for the upliftment of minorities as per brief details given below:

- (i) Naya Savera – Free Coaching and Allied scheme has been revised to cover the candidates belonging to the notified minority communities having a total family income, not exceeding Rs. 6 lakh per annum, from all sources. Special residential coaching programme for composite preparation of Civil Services Exam has been included.

- (ii) A new scheme called Nai Manzil has been launched, with the aim to benefit the minority youth, who do not have formal school leaving certificate, in order to provide them formal education and skills and enable them to seek better employment.
- (iii) USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development) has been launched with the objective to build capacity and update the traditional skills of master craftsmen/ artisans, develop national and international market linkage, etc.
- (iv) The National Scholarship Portal (NSP) is one-stop solution for various scholarship schemes (Pre, Post and Merit-cum-Means based scholarships) and this app will offer end to end services. This will ensure timely disbursement of scholarships to students, avoid duplication in processing, check fake applications for scholarships, etc. During 2016-17, 49,00,372 scholarships have been awarded. During 2017-18, 56,11,993 scholarships have been awarded (disbursement of scholarships for 2017-18 continues in 2018-19).
- (v) The erstwhile MsDP has been restructured as Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) to address the developmental deficits by creating socio-economic infrastructure and providing amenities in Minority Concentration Areas, which have been identified as relatively backward on the basis of census data. So far, project proposals for 323 Sadbhav Mandaps, 73 Residential Schools, 494 Market Sheds, 346 Separate toilet Units/Blocks, etc. have been sanctioned.
- (vi) Under “Seekho aur Kamao (Learn & Earn)” a 100% central sector scheme of the Ministry meant for skill development of minorities, since inception, funds of Rs. 701.91 crore have been released as on 30.11.2018.
- (vii) Besides, under Nai Roshni, the leadership development for minority women, since inception, Rs. 96.24 have been released for 3,84,325 beneficiaries as on 30.11.2018.

Details of the schemes /programmes /initiatives of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and those covered under the Prime Minister’s New 15 Point Programme (PM’s New 15-PP) for the welfare of minorities as well as follow-up action taken by the Government on the recommendations of Sachar Committee that are envisaged to improve the standard of living of minorities in the country, are available on the website of Ministry of Minority Affairs at, “www.minorityaffairs.gov.in”.
