

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021**

Minority development work in Odisha

764 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

Will the Minister of Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of funds earmarked for minority development work in Odisha during the last two years; and
- (b) the utilisation of the said funds, scheme-wise?

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

(a) & (b): The Government is implementing various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every section of the society including minorities especially economically weaker & downtrodden sections all over the country with schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM KISAN), Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojana, etc.

Ministry of Minority Affairs also implements programmes/ schemes for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities namely Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis, Muslis and Jains. These schemes/programmes in brief are as under:-

- 1) **Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVJK):-** The Ministry has implemented PMJVJK in the identified Minority Concentration Areas (MCAs) of the country with the objective of developing socio-economic assets and basic amenities for improving quality of life of the people living in these areas. The coverage of the scheme has been extended in 2018-19 to 1300 MCAs in 308 districts of the country which includes 20 MCAs of the State of Odisha. The identified areas include 109 Minority Concentration District Headquarters, 321 Minority Concentration Towns and 870 Minority Concentration Blocks. Proposals under PMJVJK are submitted by the States/UTs as per the need of the MCA.

Since 2014-15, the Ministry has approved projects for construction of 22 hostels, 4 ITIs, 21 Drinking Water Projects, 2 Common Service Centres, 01 ACR and 01 Sanitation facility at a total cost of Rs. 8420 lakh with Central share of Rs.5868.5 lakh for MCA of Odisha and released Rs.4439.15 lakh to State.

The above projects include the projects for construction of 21 Hostels and 2 Common Service Centres sanctioned during the last two years at a total cost of Rs. 5830.00 lakh with Central share of Rs.3498.00 lakh. During 2018-19 & 2019-20, fund to the tune of Rs.2336.02 lakh was released to the State.

- 2) **Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme, Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme, Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme** - Grant of Scholarship for educational empowerment of students through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.
- 3) **Maulana Azad National Fellowship Scheme** - Under the Scheme, fellowships in the form of financial assistance have been provided.
- 4) **Naya Savera - Free Coaching and Allied Scheme** - The Scheme aims to provide free coaching to students/candidates belonging to minority communities for qualifying in entrance examinations of technical/ professional courses and Competitive examinations.
- 5) **Padho Pardesh** - Scheme of interest subsidy to students of minority communities on educational loans for overseas higher studies.
- 6) **Nai Udaan** - Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), State Public Service Commission (PSC) Staff Selection Commission (SSC) etc.
- 7) **Nai Roshni** - Scheme for Leadership development of women belonging to minority communities.
- 8) **Seekho Aur Kamao** - Skill development scheme for youth of 14 - 35 years age group and aiming at improving the employability of existing workers, school dropouts etc.
- 9) **Jiyo Parsi** - Scheme for containing population decline of Parsis in India.
- 10) **USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development):-**The Scheme at capacity building and updating the traditional skills of master craftsmen/artisans.
- 11) **Nai Manzil** - A scheme for formal school education & skilling of school dropouts.
- 12) **Hamari Dharohar-** A scheme to preserve rich heritage of minority communities of India under the overall concept of Indian culture.
- 13) **Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) implements education and skill related schemes as follows:-** (a) Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for Meritorious Girls belonging to the economically weaker sections of Minorities (b) Gharib Nawaz Employment Scheme started in 2017-18 for providing short term job oriented skill development training to youth (c) Bridge Course for madarsa students & school dropouts.

14) **National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC)** provides concessional loans to minorities for self-employment and income generating ventures.

In addition to the above, the Ministry also implements schemes for strengthening State Waqf Boards and coordinates arrangements for annual Haj pilgrimage.

The details of the schemes (S. No.1 to 12) mentioned above and status of their implementation are available on the website of this Ministry (www.minorityaffairs.gov.in) and those at serial No.(13) and (14) are available on the website of MAEF (www.maef.nic.in) and NMDFC (www.nmdfc.org) respectively.

Government is working with commitment to ensure Development with Dignity, Empowerment without Discrimination, which has ensured prosperity in life of weaker and other needy sections of the society including Minorities. The approach of the Government has led to Minorities being equal partners with other communities, in the educational & socio-economic development of the country.
