

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3643**

ANSWERED ON 04.04.2022

**WELFARE SCHEMES FOR MINORITIES**

**3643 DR. V. SIVADASAN:**

Will the Minister of Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the various welfare schemes under the Minority Affairs Ministry;
- (b) the fund allocation for each of those schemes since 2016, year-wise;
- (c) the fund utilisation in each of the schemes since 2016, year-wise; and
- (d) the number of beneficiaries in each of the schemes since 2016?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
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(a): Ministry of Minority Affairs implements various programmes/ schemes for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities namely Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Muslims, Parsis and Jains throughout the country.

The schemes/programmes implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs in brief are as under:-

**(A): Educational Empowerment Schemes:**

(1) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme- Scholarship is provided to minority students from Class I to X, out of which 30% scholarship are earmarked for girls.

Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme- Scholarship is provided to minority students from Class XI to PhD., out of which 30% scholarship are earmarked for girls.

Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme- Scholarship is provided to minority students for Professional and Technical courses, at Under Graduate and Post Graduate level, out of which 30% scholarship are earmarked for girls.

All the three Scholarship schemes are on boarded on the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) and the scholarship amount is disbursed through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.

(2) Maulana Azad National Fellowship Scheme – Under the scheme fellowship in the form of financial assistance is provided to minority candidates who clear the UGC-NET or Joint CSIRUGC-NET examination.

(3) 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/ medical professional courses and various Competitive examinations.

(4) Padho Pardesh – Under the scheme interest subsidy is provided to students of minority communities on educational loans, for overseas higher studies.

(5) Nai Udaan - Support is provided to minority candidates clearing Preliminary examination conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), State Public Service Commission (PSC), Staff Selection Commission (SSC) etc.

#### **(B): Employment Oriented Schemes:**

(6) Seekho Aur Kamao - Skill development scheme for youth of 14 - 35 years age group and aiming at providing employment and employment opportunities, improving the employability of existing workers, school dropouts etc.

(7) USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development). An effective platform to provide self-employment, market and opportunity to traditional artisans and craft persons from the minority communities. Hunar Haats are being organised across the Country to provide employment opportunities and markets to artisans/craftsmen. Hunar Haat is also being implemented since 2016-17 as a component of USTTAD scheme and is an effective platform wherein opportunity is given to artisans/craftsmen and culinary experts from across the country to showcase

and market their handicrafts and indigenous products. Hunar Haat is helping in promotion and preservation of languishing traditional arts, crafts and indigenous products which is playing an effective role in the pledge of Swadeshi se Swavalamban” and ‘Vocal for Local’, thereby contributing to the objectives of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. Hunar Haat has generated employment and employment opportunities for artisans, craftpersons and associated persons and has further strengthened their market linkages. So far, more than 8 lakh artisans, craftsmen and people associated with them have benefitted through various Hunar Haats organized by the Ministry throughout the country.

(8) Nai Manzil - A scheme for formal school education & skilling of school dropouts or educated in community educational institutions like Madarsas.

(9) Nai Roshni - Leadership development of women belonging to minority communities and non-minority communities (not exceeding 25% of each batch).

**(C): Special Schemes:**

(10) Jiyo Parsi - Scheme for containing population decline of Parsis in India.

(11) Hamari Dharohar- A scheme to preserve rich heritage of minority communities of India under the overall concept of Indian culture.

(12) Scheme for Providing Education to Madarsas/Minorities (SPEMM)-SPEMM is a Centrally sponsored scheme which comprises of 2 sub schemes namely Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsas (SPQEM) and Infrastructure Development in Minority Institutions (IDMI). The scheme has been transferred to Ministry of Minority Affairs from D/o School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education w.e.f 1st April, 2021.

**(D): Infrastructure Development Programme:**

(13) Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) - A Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), identified as Core of the Core Scheme by NITI Aayog, is an area development programme aimed with the objective to develop socio economic assets and basic amenities in the identified areas. The scheme provides for infrastructure support in sectors such as education, health, skill, sports, sanitation etc.

(14) 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) Grant-in-aid to NGOs for infrastructure development of educational institutions.

(15) Equity to National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) for providing concessional loans to minorities for self-employment and income generating ventures.

Details of Schemes mentioned at S. No. (1) to (13) are available on the website of this Ministry ([www.minorityaffairs.gov.in](http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in)) and those at serial no. (14) and (15) are available on the website of MAEF ([www.maef.nic.in](http://www.maef.nic.in)) and NMDFC ([www.nmdfc.org](http://www.nmdfc.org)) respectively.

(b) & (c): Since 2014-15, Ministry of Minority Affairs has been allocated Rs.32675.16 crore (Revised Estimate) out of which Rs.30569.91 crore has been expended. Scheme-wise and year wise details of fund allocated (Revised Estimates) and funds utilized by Ministry w.e.f 2016-17 to 2021-22 is given at Annexure-I.

(d): Since 2014-15, number of beneficiaries under educational empowerment scheme are more than 5.20 crore and under economic empowerment schemes are more than 19.77 lakh.

Scheme-wise details of beneficiaries w.e.f 2016-17 to 2021-22 is given at Annexure-II.

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**Annexure referred in reply to Parts(b) & ( c ) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3643 answered on 4.4.2022 regarding " Welfare Schemes for Minorities" raised by Dr. V. Sivadasan**

| STATEMENT SHOWING REVISED ESTIMATE and EXPENDITURE FROM THE F.Y 2016-17 to 2021-22 ( Rs. in crore) |                                                                                                      |         |             |         |             |         |             |         |             |         |             |         |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| Sl.                                                                                                | Name of the Scheme/Programme                                                                         | 2016-17 |             | 2017-18 |             | 2018-19 |             | 2019-20 |             | 2020-21 |             | 2021-22 |             |
|                                                                                                    |                                                                                                      | RE      | Expenditure | RE      | Expenditure | RE      | Expenditure | RE      | Expenditure | RE      | Expenditure | RE      | Expenditure |
| EDUCATIONAL EMPOWERMENT SCHEMES                                                                    |                                                                                                      |         |             |         |             |         |             |         |             |         |             |         |             |
| 1                                                                                                  | Pre-matric scholarship                                                                               | 931.00  | 585.94      | 1001.15 | 1108.13     | 1269.00 | 1176.20     | 1199.82 | 1324.85     | 1330.00 | 1325.54     | 1378.00 | 1350.99     |
| 2                                                                                                  | Post matric scholarship                                                                              | 550.00  | 287.11      | 561.29  | 479.72      | 500.00  | 354.90      | 482.66  | 428.77      | 535.00  | 512.81      | 468.00  | 411.37      |
| 3                                                                                                  | Merit cum means Scholarship                                                                          | 395.00  | 220.54      | 393.54  | 388.79      | 402.00  | 261.17      | 361.51  | 285.63      | 400.00  | 396.34      | 325.00  | 345.77      |
| 4                                                                                                  | Maulana Azad National Fellowship for minority students                                               | 120.00  | 119.92      | 150.00  | 124.87      | 153.00  | 97.85       | 130.00  | 100.00      | 100.00  | 73.50       | 99.00   | 74.00       |
| 5                                                                                                  | Padho Pardesh                                                                                        | 5.32    | 4.00        | 17.00   | 17.00       | 45.00   | 45.00       | 25.00   | 14.43       | 22.00   | 20.19       | 24.00   | 22.15       |
| 6                                                                                                  | Naya Savera                                                                                          | 40.00   | 40.00       | 48.00   | 45.59       | 74.00   | 44.61       | 40.00   | 13.97       | 25.00   | 18.44       | 39.35   | 37.15       |
| 7                                                                                                  | Nai Udaan                                                                                            | 4.30    | 4.00        | 6.00    | 6.18        | 8.00    | 6.72        | 10.00   | 8.01        | 8.00    | 4.15        | 6.00    | 7.97        |
| ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT SCHEMES                                                                       |                                                                                                      |         |             |         |             |         |             |         |             |         |             |         |             |
| 8                                                                                                  | Skill Development Initiative                                                                         | 210.00  | 204.94      | 200.00  | 199.80      | 250.00  | 175.73      | 250.00  | 175.52      | 190.00  | 190.03      | 250.00  | 268.48      |
| 9                                                                                                  | USTTAD                                                                                               | 20.00   | 19.77       | 29.00   | 21.80       | 50.00   | 31.26       | 60.00   | 54.48       | 60.00   | 56.74       | 47.00   | 76.68       |
| 10                                                                                                 | Nai Manzil                                                                                           | 120.00  | 117.97      | 95.39   | 93.73       | 120.00  | 93.73       | 100.00  | 34.44       | 60.00   | 59.84       | 47.00   | 48.86       |
| 11                                                                                                 | Nai Roshni                                                                                           | 15.00   | 14.75       | 17.00   | 15.19       | 17.00   | 13.83       | 10.00   | 7.10        | 6.00    | 6.00        | 2.50    | 2.99        |
| INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME                                                               |                                                                                                      |         |             |         |             |         |             |         |             |         |             |         |             |
| 12                                                                                                 | PMJVK                                                                                                | 1059.00 | 1082.78     | 1200.00 | 1197.66     | 1319.99 | 1156.06     | 1588.86 | 1698.29     | 971.38  | 1091.94     | 1199.55 | 1221.86     |
| OTHER SCHEMES                                                                                      |                                                                                                      |         |             |         |             |         |             |         |             |         |             |         |             |
| 13                                                                                                 | Biyo Parsi                                                                                           | 1.55    | 1.54        | 3.00    | 3.00        | 4.00    | 4.00        | 4.00    | 3.86        | 4.00    | 4.00        | 3.00    | 5.00        |
| 14                                                                                                 | Hamari Dharohar                                                                                      | 8.00    | 6.60        | 12.00   | 0.64        | 6.00    | 1.64        | 3.00    | 0.70        | 5.20    | 4.55        | 2.00    | 1.66        |
| 15                                                                                                 | Research /studies, monitoring & evaluation of development schemes for Minorities including publicity | 50.00   | 46.78       | 50.01   | 50.04       | 55.00   | 52.60       | 40.00   | 24.98       | 35.00   | 11.92       | 41.00   | 15.20       |
| 16                                                                                                 | Contribution to equity of NMDFC                                                                      | 140.00  | 140.00      | 170.00  | 170.00      | 165.03  | 165.00      | 160.00  | 160.00      | 110.00  | 110.00      | 100.00  | 100.00      |
| 17                                                                                                 | Grants-in-aid to Maulana Azad Education Foundation.                                                  | 114.00  | 113.00      | 113.01  | 113.00      | 123.76  | 36.00       | 90.00   | 37.50       | 80.00   | 70.92       | 76.00   | 76.00       |
| 18                                                                                                 | Grants in aid to state Channelizing Agencies (SCA) engaged for implementation in NMDFC programme.    | 1.63    | 1.27        | 2.00    | 0.30        | 2.00    | 2.00        | 2.00    | 1.93        | 1.00    | 0.97        | 2.00    | 2.00        |
| 19                                                                                                 | Qaumi Wakf Boards taraqqiiti Scheme.                                                                 | 13.00   | 10.13       | 12.70   | 10.58       | 16.94   | 11.89       | 15.00   | 11.83       | 9.00    | 0.10        | 10.00   | 6.72        |
| 20                                                                                                 | Sahari Waqf Sampati Vikas Yojana                                                                     | 2.80    | 2.80        | 3.16    | 3.16        | 3.16    | 3.16        | 3.16    | 3.16        | 3.00    | 3.00        | 2.00    | 1.00        |
| 21                                                                                                 | SPEMM                                                                                                | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00    | 0.00        | 0.00    | 0.00        | 174.00  | 116.42      |

**Annexure-II**

**Annexure referred in reply to Part (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.3643 answered on 04.04.2022 regarding “Welfare Schemes for Minorities” raised by Dr. V. Sivadasan.**

| <b>Sl.</b> | <b>Name of the Scheme/Programme</b>                                               | <b>No. of Beneficiaries w.e.f 2016-17 to 2021-22</b> |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1          | <b>EDUCATIONAL EMPOWERMENT SCHEMES</b>                                            |                                                      |
| 2          | Pre-matric scholarship                                                            | 31604640                                             |
| 3          | Post matric scholarship                                                           | 4116723                                              |
| 4          | Merit cum means Scholarship                                                       | 728036                                               |
| 5          | Padho Pardesh                                                                     | 4370                                                 |
| 6          | Maulana Azad National Fellowship for minority students                            | 12881                                                |
| 7          | Maulana Azad Education Foundation (BHMNS)                                         | 893026                                               |
| 8          | Naya Savera- Free Coaching & Allied Scheme for Minorities                         | 50089                                                |
| 9          | Nai Udaan                                                                         | 7479                                                 |
|            | <b>ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT SCHEMES</b>                                               |                                                      |
| 10         | Skill Development Initiative                                                      | 391987                                               |
| 11         | Upgrading Skill and Training in Traditional Arts /Crafts for Development (USTTAD) | 23130                                                |
| 12         | Nai Manzil                                                                        | 98697                                                |
| 13         | Nai Roshni                                                                        | 207500                                               |
| 14         | Loan scheme of NMDFC                                                              | 800608                                               |