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SCHOLARSHIPTO MINOITY STUDENTS

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of scholarships given to minority students;
- (b) the details thereof;
- (c) the number of minority youth who have been skilled during the last five years; and
- (d) the details thereof;

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) &(b): 5.20 crore Scholarships have been provided to the students belonging to minority communities since 2014-15 compared to 3.03 crore scholarships before 2014-15. The Ministry of Minority Affairs is implementing the following scholarship schemes for the educational empowerment of students belonging to the economically weaker section of the six notified minority communities i.e. Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Sikh and Parsi:-

(i) **Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme-** The scholarship is provided to minority students studying in class I to X in Government/ recognized Private schools. Minimum 30% scholarships are earmarked for girls. To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/guardian's income more than Rs.1.00 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class. Scholarship ranging from Rs. 1,000/- to Rs. 10,700/- is awarded to every selected student.

(ii) **Post Matric Scholarship Scheme-** The scholarship is provided to minority students studying in Class XI to Ph.D level in Government/ recognized Private schools/Colleges/Institutes. Minimum 30% scholarships are earmarked for girls. To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/guardian's income more than Rs.2.00 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class. Scholarship ranging from Rs. 2,300/- to Rs. 15,000/- is awarded to every selected student.

(iii) **Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme** - The scholarship is awarded for pursuing professional and technical courses at under-graduate and post-graduate levels, in institutions recognized by the appropriate authority. Under the scheme, 30% Scholarships are earmarked for girl students. To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/guardian's income more than Rs. 2.50 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class. Eligible students admitted in any of the 85 reputed premier institutes for professional and technical courses listed under the Scheme are reimbursed full course fee. Students studying in other institutions are reimbursed a course fee of Rs. 20,000/- per annum and in addition a maintenance allowance of Rs. 5,000/- for day scholar and Rs. 10,000/- for hosteller per annum is also admissible.

(iv) **Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship**- Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF), an autonomous organization under the Ministry, provides scholarship under the scheme titled "Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship" for meritorious girls belonging to the six centrally notified minorities studying in class 9th to 12th at the rate of Rs.5000/- per year for class 9th and 10th and Rs. 6000/- per year for class 11th and 12th subject to conditions that they secure a minimum of 50% marks in previous class, their parents' or guardian's annual income does not exceed Rs. 2.00 lakh and the beneficiary does not get scholarship from any other sources.

(c) & (d): 'Seekho Aur Kamao' scheme (Learn and Earn) is a placement-linked skill development scheme for minorities. It aims to upgrade the skills of minority youth (in the age group of 14-45 years) in various modern/ traditional skills depending upon their qualification, present economic trends, and market potential, that can earn them suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to take up self-employment. 33% of the total targets in the scheme are earmarked for female beneficiaries. During the last 5 years (2016-17 to 2020-21), 3,72,169 youth have been skilled under the scheme.

Beside this, the Ministry also implements "Nai Manzil" Scheme to benefit the minority youth (both men & women) belonging to six notified minority communities of 17-35 years of age, who do not have formal school leaving certificate, i.e., those in the category of school –dropouts or those educated in community education institutions like Madarasas. 30% of the beneficiary seats are earmarked for girl/women candidates and 5% of the beneficiary seats for persons with disability belonging to the minority community under the scheme. The scheme provides a combination of formal education (Class VIII or X) and skills, to enable beneficiaries to seek better employment and livelihood. The Scheme is implemented through selected Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) which are empanelled through an open transparent process by inviting Expression of Interest (EOIs) for organizations. Under the Nai Manzil scheme, since inception, a total of 98697 beneficiaries have benefitted.

Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) has launched Gharib Nawaz Skill Development Training for minorities from the year 2017-18 which has been renamed as Gharib Nawaz Employment Scheme from the year 2019- 20. Under this scheme various short-term job oriented skill development courses are provided to minorities youth in order to enable them for skill based employment. This scheme is being

implemented as per common norms of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSD&E) through the empanelled Program Implementing Agencies (PIAs). Under this Scheme, since inception a total 67,986 have been skill trained.

Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD) scheme was launched on 14th May, 2015 to preserve the rich heritage of traditional arts/crafts of minorities. The scheme aims at capacity building and updating the traditional skills of master craftsmen/artisans, documentation of identified traditional arts/crafts of minorities, set standards for traditional skills, training of minority youths in various identified traditional arts/crafts through master craftsmen, and develop national and international market linkages. The scheme is implemented through Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs). A total of 23,130 trainees have been trained under the USTTAD Scheme so far. 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.

So far, more than 6.44 lakh beneficiaries out of which 3.64 lakh are female have received skill development training under above mentioned skill oriented schemes of the Ministry.
