

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-875
ANSWERED ON 14/12/2022

WELFARE POLICIES FOR THE UPLIFTMENT OF PASMANDA MUSLIMS

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government has framed any welfare policies for the upliftment of Pasmanda Muslims in the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details of the policies;
- (c) the details of the beneficiaries of the policy; and
- (d) if not, whether Government is considering to develop any special welfare policies for the upliftment of Pasmanda Muslims?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (d) The Government has been implementing various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every strata, including minorities, specially the economically weaker and lesser privileged sections of the society, through Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Education etc.

In addition to above, Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) implements various schemes for the upliftment of the six notified minorities in the country including Muslims. A large section of the beneficiaries from the Muslim communities belong to the backward sections/classes also called the Pasmanda Muslims. The welfare schemes implemented by MoMA are targeted towards the poorest of the poor.

Pradhan Mantri Virasat ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) is a scheme of MoMA which targets notified minorities with a focus on artisan communities and their families, including those belonging to the backward sections/classes of all communities including the Pasmanda Muslims.
