

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -2530
ANSWERED ON - 22/03/2023

SCHEMES RUN BY DR. AMBEDKAR INSTITUTES

2530. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether schemes being run by Dr. Ambedkar Institutes through Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO), State-wise, including Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the salient features of these schemes;
- (c) the achievements in respect of the said schemes; and
- (d) whether there is any proposal for modification of the said schemes, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The 'Dr. Ambedkar Scheme for celebration of Birth/Death Anniversary of Great Saints' is implemented all over the country by the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, an autonomous body of this Department, under which Grants-in-aid is provided to NGOs/Colleges/Universities/Institutions etc. for celebration of Birth/Death Anniversary of Great Saints such as (i) Sant Kabir, (ii) Guru Ravidas, (iii) Guru Ghasidas, (iv) Chokhamela, (v) Nandnar, (vi) Narayan Guru, (vii) Namdev, (viii) Lord Buddha, (ix) Maharshi Valmiki, (x) Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, (xi) Savitri Bai Phule, (xii) Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, (xiii) Ayyankali, (xiv) Dr. Santuji Ramji Lad (xv) Tukaram Bhaurao Sathe (popularly known as Anna Bhau Sathe), (xvi) Drubal Nath Ji and other saints as approved by the Foundation from time to time, who have tirelessly worked for promoting Social Justice, removal of inequality & discrimination and for amelioration of the conditions of weaker sections of the society.

(c) In the F.Y. 2022-23 so far 31 NGOs/Colleges/Universities/Institutions have been provided Grants-in-aid of Rs. 57,93,185/-.

(d) The scheme has been last modified recently in July, 2022 and there is no proposal at present for further modification.
