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MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1557
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2024

JIYO PARSI SCHEME

1557: DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI:

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the features of the newly launched Jiyo Parsi Scheme portal for Parsi couples seeking financial assistance;
- (b) whether the Jiyo Parsi Scheme aims to address the declining population of the Parsi community in the country; and
- (c) the types of financial assistance offered under the Jiyo Parsi Scheme for medical treatment and childcare?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) The Jiyo Parsi Scheme portal for Parsi couples seeking financial assistance under medical component provides convenience, accessibility, and access for beneficiaries to apply for benefits and track their applications. The portal enables swift decision-making processes. The portal of Jiyo Parsi Scheme may be accessed through the Ministry's website (www.minorityaffairs.gov.in).

(b) to (c): The population of Parsis (Zoroastrians), a notified minority community under the National Commission of Minorities Act 1992, has declined from 1,14,000 in 1941 to 57,264 in 2011 as per census data. In order to arrest the decline in population and reverse the trend, the Government of India through the Ministry of Minority Affairs formulated the Jiyo Parsi Scheme in September 2013.

The scheme has three components:

- i) Medical Assistance – to provide financial assistance for medical treatment under standard medical protocol;
- ii) Health of Community – to provide financial assistance to Parsi couples towards childcare and assistance for dependent elderly family members; and
- iii) Advocacy – to create awareness among the younger generation of marriageable age and young couples to make efforts to contain the population decline of the community and to seek early diagnosis and treatment where necessary.

The details of financial assistance under Medical and Health of Community components of the Jiyo Parsi Scheme are as under:-

Components	Financial assistance
Medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Maximum Rs.6.00 lakh or actual, whichever is less @ Rs.1.5 lakh per cycle (maximum 4 cycle) towards infertility treatment.ii. Maximum Rs.4 lakh or actual, whichever is less, for other medical expenses(after conception) towards child bearing.iii. Upto Rs.2.50 lakh or actual expenditure, whichever is less, for post-natal (from birth to six weeks) care of newly born child.
Health of Community (HoC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Assistance for childcare Rs.8000/- per month till the age of 18 years.ii. Assistance for dependent elderly family members (aged 60 years or more) Rs.10000/- per month per dependent elderly.

The assistance under the scheme is released to the beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode after biometric authentication and other verifications by the respective State Governments.
