

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1242**  
ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025

**DISCONTINUATION OF SCHEME RELATED TO WELFARE OF MINORITIES**

1242. SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes related to the welfare of minorities which have been discontinued by Government during the last five years; and  
(b) the schemes started by Government during the last five years and the details of the amount spent so far and the details of the amount allocated in the budget 2025-26, yearwise?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) The Government implements various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every strata, including minorities, specially the economically weaker and lesser privileged sections of the society. Ministry of Minority Affairs specifically implements various schemes for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities. The following schemes have been discontinued during the last 5 years:

- (i) Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) Scheme
- (ii) Padho Pardesh Scheme
- (iii) Free Coaching & Allied Scheme (Naya Savera)
- (iv) Nai Udaan
- (v) Coverage under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme has been revised from FY 2022-23 and made applicable for classes IX and X only. As the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009 provides for free and compulsory elementary education (class I to VIII) to each and every child and similar scholarship schemes are being implemented by other Ministries.

(b) The schemes started by Government during the last five years:

**Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS):** The Ministry has launched the Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PMVIKAS), which is a flagship Scheme of the Ministry, that converges five erstwhile schemes viz. 'Seekho Aur Kamao', 'Nai Manzil', 'Nai Roshni', 'Hamari Dharohar' and 'USTTAD'; and focuses on upliftment of six notified minority communities through skill development; entrepreneurship and leadership of minority women; and education support for school dropouts. An amount of Rs. 267.29 crores is allocated under the scheme for FY 2025-26. Component-wise amount spent so far under this Scheme is as under:

Allocation and expenditure (in Cr.) for Skilling Schemes				
Schemes	PM VIKAS		PM VIKAS Committed Liabilities	
Year	RE	AE	RE	AE
2023-24	4.02	0.00	215.98	209.44
2024-25*	30.00	0.00	200.00	147.00

\*Expenditure upto February 2025

\*\*\*\*\*