

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1875**  
ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025

**GHARIB NAWAZ EMPLOYMENT SCHEME**

1875. SHRI M. MOHAMED ABDULLA

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of beneficiaries under the Gharib Nawaz Employment Scheme during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether there has been a reduction in the financial allocation for the scheme during this period;
- (c) if so, the reasons for the reduction and its impact on the number of beneficiaries; and
- (d) whether Government plans to restore or increase funding to expand the scheme's reach, particularly in rural and economically weaker sections of minority communities?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

- (a) to (d): 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.

No target under Gharib Nawaz Employment Scheme was allocated during the last five years. However, under Seekho aur Kamao scheme with similar objectives, Maulana Azad Education Foundation allocated a target of 39,000 beneficiaries since 2018-19.

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