

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2522
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025

SCHEMES FOR THE WELFARE OF MINORITIES

2522. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes being run by Government for welfare of minority communities;
- (b) the details of fund allocated, released and utilized during the last five years and the current year till date, scheme-wise and year-wise; and
- (c) the number of beneficiaries from minority communities under each scheme during the last five year and the current year, year-wise, scheme-wise, community-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (c): The Government implements various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every strata, including minorities, especially the economically weaker and lesser privileged sections of the society. Ministry of Minority Affairs specifically implements following schemes across the country for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities viz. Muslim, Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Parsi and Sikh. These schemes are as under:

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements three Scholarship Schemes namely Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for the educational empowerment of the six centrally notified minority communities on pan India basis. The Schemes intend to provide financial assistance to the poor and meritorious students belonging to minority communities to enable them to pursue professional and technical courses. The details of funds released and the number of beneficiaries under these schemes, year-wise and scheme-wise, are available on the website of the Ministry i.e. www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.

The Scholarships Schemes have not been approved for implementation beyond 2021-22. During the year 2022-23, the payments have been made only towards committed liabilities.

PRADHAN MANTRI JAN VIKAS KARYAKRAM (PMJVK)

PMJVK, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, is one of the flagship program of the Ministry of Minority Affairs for creation of community infrastructure in the Minority Concentration Areas of the country in the sectors viz. Health, Skill Development, Women Centric Projects, Education, Drinking Water and Supply, Sanitation and Sports. The year wise details of fund allocated and released during the last five years under PMJVK is as below:-

S. No.	Financial Year	B.E./R.E (In Rs.Crore)	Fund released (In Rs.Crore)
1	2020-21	1600.00	1091.94
2	2021-22	1390.00	1266.87
3	2022-23	1650.00	222.66
4	2023-24	600.00	189.23
5	2024-25	910.90	955.22
6	2025-26	1913.97	1120.48

PMJVK is a community infrastructure development scheme and thus the infrastructure developed is for the benefits of the whole population of the respective minority concentration areas.

PRADHAN MANTRI VIRASAT KA SAMVARDHAN (PM VIKAS)

The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements the PM VIKAS as a Central Sector Scheme which converges five erstwhile schemes viz. 'Seekho Aur Kamao', 'Nai Manzil', 'Nai Roshni', 'USTTAD' and 'Hamari Dharohar' schemes.

The scheme focuses on socio-economic upliftment of six notified minority communities through the following:

- Skilling and Training (Non-traditional and traditional)
- Women Leadership and Entrepreneurship
- Education (through National Institute of Open Schooling)
- Infrastructure Development (through Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram)

The scheme also provisions to facilitate credit linkages by connecting beneficiaries with loan programs offered by the National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC).

The details of funds allocated, released and utilised during the last five years and the current year till date, scheme-wise and year-wise, are as follows:

Statement Showing Allocation and expenditure (In Rs. Crore) for Skilling Schemes															
Skilling Schemes	Seekho Aur Kamao			Nai Manzil			USTTAD			Nai Roshni			PM VIKAS		
Year	BE	RE	AE	BE	RE	AE	BE	RE	AE	BE	RE	AE	BE	RE	AE
2019-20	250	250	175.52	140	100	34.44	50	60	54.48	15	10	7.1	0	0	0
2020-21	250	190	190.03	120	60	59.84	60	60	56.74	10	6	6	0	0	0
2021-22	276	250	268.48	87	47	48.86	47	47	76.68	8	2.5	2.99	0	0	0
2022-23	235.41	100	65.28	46	20	7.62	47	47	10.61	2.5	2	0.62	0	0	0
2023-24	0.10	0	0	0.1	0	0	0.1	0	0	0.1	0	0	540.00	220.00	209.44
2024-25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500.00	325.86	209.42
2025-26 (till 6.08.2025)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	517.29	0.00	53.34
Grand Total	1011.51	790	699.31	393.1	227	150.76	204.1	214	198.51	35.6	20.5	16.71	1557.3	545.86	472.2

B.E- Budget Estimates

R.E- Revised Estimates

A.E- Actual Expenditure

The number of beneficiaries from minority communities under each scheme is as follows:

Scheme / Year	Muslim	Christian	Sikh	Buddhist	Parsi	Jain	Others
Nai Manzil	77364	5545	8356	1374	17	251	5805
2016-17	55029	3265	4967	791	13	241	4281
2017-18	22335	2280	3389	583	4	10	1524
Nai Roshni	222062	7280	3779	1580	5	1254	8381
2015-16	51928	2939	139	82	1	213	2587
2016-17	62634	1668	757	45	2	77	1967
2017-18/2018-19	76398	2057	2255	936	2	738	2620
2019-20/2020-21	31102	616	628	517	0	226	1207
Seekho Aur Kamao	366825	30937	43563	9253	85	5600	11907
2014	15023	2941	1749	637	2	93	49
2015	47023	6388	8766	2603	21	938	1688
2016	49911	5547	5181	1359	1	454	915
2017	90231	6461	10109	1929	13	1186	2533
2018	80249	5181	7865	2013	40	1694	3503
2019	65559	4080	8151	524	2	690	2196
2020	18829	339	1742	188	6	545	1023
USTTAD	18281	1156	727	257	0	41	1149
2016	11835	766	581	204	0	23	809
2018	6446	390	146	53	0	18	340
Grand Total	684532	44918	56425	12464	107	7146	27242

It is further clarified that the implementation of the PM VIKAS scheme has commenced only recently.

NATIONAL MINORITIES DEVELOPMENT & FINANCE CORPORATION (NMDFC)

NMDFC implements its schemes for socio-economic development of “backward sections” among the notified minority communities by providing concessional loan for self-employment income generation ventures across the country. The schemes of NMDFC are implemented through State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) nominated by respective State Govt./ UT Administration, Punjab Gramin Bank and Canara Bank.

The year-wise details of fund released by NMDFC through its SCAs, Punjab Gramin Bank & Canara Bank during the last five years and the current year are as follows:

F.Y.	Concessional credit, disbursed by NMDFC (In Rs. Crore)
2020-21	650.41
2021-22	700.00
2022-23	881.70
2023-24	765.45
2024-25	860.44
2025-26 (upto 31/7/25)	247.47

The year-wise and community-wise details of no. of beneficiaries assisted under NMDFC schemes during last 5 years & current year is as below:

F.Y.	MUSLIM	CHRISTIAN	PARSI	BUDDHIST	SIKH	JAIN	OTHERS
2020-2021	133773	27964	0	148	61	28	22
2021-2022	127721	21187	0	334	155	42	270
2022-2023	141550	17072	2	620	374	76	3750
2023-2024	139112	20098	2	718	180	156	4587
2024-2025	96825	16983	1	408	376	91	3587
2025-2026	1825	1727	0	6	149	0	193
