

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1722#  
ANSWERED ON 15/12/2025

**FUNDS FOR THE NEW SCHOLARSHIP TRANSPARENCY SYSTEM**

1722# SHRI TEJVEER SINGH:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made in the application, verification and disbursement of funds under the new scholarship transparency system recently introduced for students from minority communities;
- (b) whether Government is planning to implement any new comprehensive development project to promote skill development, entrepreneurship and digital education in minority-dominated areas; and
- (c) whether any new mechanism is being developed to ensure that minority communities avail the benefits of housing, education and social security schemes in time-bound and transparent manner?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a): Ministry of Minority Affairs has implemented various schemes, including Pre-Matric, Post Matric and Merit-cum-Means Scholarship schemes, across the country for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the six notified minority communities. However, the schemes had not been approved for implementation beyond 2021-22.

(b): The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements the Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) scheme which aims to promote the socio-economic upliftment of minority communities through interventions in four major areas:(i) modern and traditional skilling, (ii) women's leadership and entrepreneurship development, (iii) education through the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS), and (iv) infrastructure development through the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK).

Under its skilling component, PM VIKAS places strong emphasis on promoting employment-oriented skilling and entrepreneurship, to enhance employability and strengthen livelihood opportunities for minority communities.

(c): Ministry is implementing PMJVK, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, for creation of community infrastructure in the minority concentration areas of the country in the sectors viz. health, skill development, education (Smart Classes & Labs), women centric projects, drinking water and sanitation, sports, renewal energy, tourism, animal husbandry and other community infrastructure. The scheme follows a structured mechanism to ensure transparent and time-bound creation of community infrastructure supporting education, skill development and health services.

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