

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1085
ANSWERED ON 09.02.2026

FUNDS EARMARKED FOR MINORITY EDUCATIONAL UPLIFTMENT

1085. SMT. JEBI MATHER HISHAM:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the year-wise allocations to the Ministry over the last five financial years, including revised estimates and actual expenditure;
- (b) fund earmarked specifically for minority educational upliftment during the last five years, State/UT-wise and community-wise distribution;
- (c) the details of the current operational status of all schemes for minority educational empowerment, including beneficiary numbers and outcomes;
- (d) whether any minority education schemes have been discontinued during the last five years, if so, the reasons thereof; and
- (e) whether any plans have been devised to replace or redesign discontinued schemes, if so, the timelines, budgets, and coverage targets?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a): The statement showing Budget Estimate, Revised Estimate and actual expenditure during the last five years i.e. from FY 2020-21 to 2024-25 is at **Annexure-I**.

(b) to (e): The Ministry of Minority Affairs has implemented the following three Scholarship schemes for the educational empowerment of the six centrally notified minority communities viz. Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Parsi and Sikh:

- i) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme;
- ii) Post Matric Scholarship Scheme; and
- iii) Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme.

The Schemes intend to provide financial assistance to the poor and meritorious students belonging to religious minority communities to enable them to pursue professional and technical courses. The Scholarship schemes, however, have not been approved for implementation beyond 2021-22.

Apart from scholarship schemes, this Ministry implemented Padho Pardesh scheme to award interest subsidy on educational loan to minority students for studying abroad to pursue approved courses of study at Masters, M.Phil. and Ph.D. levels. The scheme has been discontinued from FY 2022-23 as education loan is available at cheaper rates through various other Government interventions.

The Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) scheme intended to provide fellowships in the form of financial assistance to students belonging to the minority communities to pursue degrees in higher education such as M.Phil. and Ph.D. in India. The scheme has been discontinued from 2022-23 due to its apparent overlapping with similar schemes of other Ministries. The fellowship to existing beneficiaries would continue till the completion of their studies as per extant guidelines.

The year-wise number of beneficiaries and funds released under the three scholarship schemes in last 5 years are at **Annexure-II**.

The following educational schemes have also been discontinued:-

- i. The Ministry of Minority Affairs implemented 'Nai Udaan' Scheme to provide financial support to the minority candidates who qualify in the preliminary examinations conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Staff Selection Commission (SSC), and State Public Service Commissions (SPSCs). Further, Ministry of Minority Affairs also implemented a scheme namely "Free Coaching and Allied Scheme for the candidates/students belonging to minority communities/ Naya Savera" under which Free Coaching was provided to assist students/candidates belonging to the notified minority communities by way of special coaching for qualifying examinations for admission in technical/professional courses and competitive examination for recruitment to Group 'A', 'B' & 'C' services and other equivalent posts under the Central and State Governments including public sector undertakings, banks, railways etc.

The 'Nai Udaan' and 'Naya Savera' Schemes have been discontinued w.e.f. Financial Year 2022-23.

- ii. Education Scheme for Madrasas and Minorities: The Department of School Education & Literacy implemented the Scheme for Providing Education in Madrasas/Minorities (SPEMM) upto 2020-21 and then transferred to Ministry of Minority Affairs. As the scheme was approved only upto 2021-22, the Ministry of Minority Affairs implemented this Scheme only for FY 2021-22.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1085 FOR ANSWER ON 09.02.2026 REGARDING 'FUNDS EARMARKED FOR MINORITY EDUCATIONAL UPLIFTMENT' ASKED BY SMT. JEBI MATHER HISHAM

Statement showing year-wise allocation and expenditure (Rupees in crore)

S. No	Scheme	2020-21			2021-22			2022-23			2023-24			2024-25		
		BE	RE	Actual Expr	BE	RE	Actual Expr	BE	RE	Actual Expr	BE	RE	Actual Expr	BE	RE	Actual Expr
1	Pre-Matric Scholarship	1330.00	1330.00	1325.54	1378.00	1378.00	1350.99	1425.00	556.82	43.95	433.00	400.00	95.84	326.16	90.00	1.55
2	Post-Matric Scholarship	535.00	535.00	512.81	468.00	468.00	411.87	515.00	515.00	29.00	1065.00	1000.00	85.02	1145.38	343.91	5.31
3	Merit-cum-Means Scholarship	400.00	400.00	396.34	325.00	325.00	345.77	365.00	358.02	34.90	44.00	25.00	152.74	33.80	19.41	3.50
4	Maulana Azad National Fellowship for minority students	175.00	100.00	73.50	99.00	99.00	74.00	99.00	99.00	98.85	96.00	54.00	83.45	45.08	45.08	25.00
5	Interest subsidy on educational Loan for Overseas studies for students belonging to	30.00	22.00	20.19	24.00	24.00	22.15	24.00	24.00	24.00	21.00	7.00	0.00	15.30	15.30	0.00

	minority communities.															
6	Free Coaching & Allied Scheme for minorities	50.00	25.00	18.44	79.00	39.35	37.15	79.00	29.97	25.00	30.00	14.00	11.70	10.00	3.50	2.36
7	Support for Students Clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Services Commissions etc.	10.00	8.00	4.15	8.00	6.00	7.97	8.00	1.68	1.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	Education scheme for Madarasas and Minorities	0.00	0.00	0.00	174.00	174.00	161.53	160.00	30.00	0.08	10.00	5.00	0.01	2.00	0.01	0.00
9	Skill Development Initiative	250.00	190.00	190.03	276.00	250.00	268.48	235.41	100.00	65.28	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	Upgrading Skill and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts	60.00	60.00	56.74	47.00	47.00	76.68	47.00	47.00	10.61	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	for Development (USTTAD)															
11	Nai Manzil	120.00	60.00	59.84	87.00	47.00	48.86	46.00	20.00	7.62	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Contribution to equity of NMDFC	160.00	110.00	110.00	153.00	100.00	100.00	159.00	159.00	159.00	61.00	61.00	61.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
13	Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women	10.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	2.50	2.99	2.50	2.00	0.62	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	Scheme for Containing population decline of a small minority Community	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.00	3.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	2.70	6.00	3.00	1.00	6.00	5.53	5.04
15	Hamari Dharohar	3.00	5.20	4.55	2.00	2.00	1.66	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16	Research/ Studies, Monitoring, Evaluation of development schemes for Minorities including Publicity	50.00	35.00	11.92	41.00	41.00	15.18	41.00	25.00	4.83	20.00	15.00	13.27	20.00	12.20	23.62

17	Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakaram (Earlier MsDP)	1600.00	971.38	1091.94	1390.00	1199.55	1266.87	1650.00	500.00	222.66	600.00	550.00	189.23	910.90	908.90	955.24
18	Grants-in-aid to Maulana Azad Education Foundation	82.00	80.00	70.92	90.00	76.00	76.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19	Grants in aid to State Channelizing Agencies (SCA) engaged for implementation in NMDFC programme	2.00	1.00	0.97	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	2.00
20	Qaumi Waqf Board Taraqqiati Scheme	18.00	9.00	0.10	14.00	10.00	6.72	10.00	10.00	5.12	10.00	5.00	0.10	10.00	3.06	1.56
21	Shahri waqf sampatti Vikas Yojana	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	7.00	3.00	0.00	6.00	0.01	0.00
22	Secretariat	25.00	26.00	23.72	28.00	26.90	25.60	30.61	30.61	25.02	35.00	35.00	29.59	35.62	43.81	42.07
23	National Commission for Minorities	11.00	9.29	7.10	12.00	9.92	7.61	12.70	12.70	11.24	15.00	13.50	12.18	14.00	14.00	11.77

24	Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities	3.00	2.13	1.84	2.77	2.19	2.06	2.85	2.85	1.98	4.00	2.88	1.59	3.00	2.00	1.61
25	Haj Management	98.00	13.00	4.92	98.00	12.04	7.10	89.42	75.00	61.56	97.00	86.69	83.51	97.00	129.46	112.03
26	PM VIKAS										290.15	109.88	0.00	255.43	30.00	0.00
27	PM VIKAS Committed Liability										249.85	215.98	209.42	244.57	200.00	203.35
	Total	5029.00	4005.00	3998.56	4810.77	4346.45	4325.24	5020.50	2612.66	837.68	3097.60	2608.93	1032.65	3183.24	1868.18	1396.01

Annexure-II

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**Number of beneficiaries & funds released under all three scholarship schemes
(last 5 years)**

AY	Pre-Matric Scholarship		Post-Matric Scholarship		Merit cum Means based Scholarship	
	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount Sanctioned (in Rs. Crore)	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount Sanctioned (in Rs. Crore)	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount Sanctioned (in Rs. Crore)
2020-21	52,39,964	1,192.43	6,63,316	401.31	1,20,371	317.84
2021-22	57,10,789	1,329.20	7,20,093	469.57	1,31,810	352.91
2022-23	3,18,576	100.32	1,24,607	79.28	58,430	157.07
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,12,69,329	2621.95	15,08,016	950.16	3,10,611	827.82