

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2609  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.01.2018**

**BUDGETARY OUTLAY**

**2609. KUMARI SHOBHAKARANDLAJE:  
SHRI PRATAP SIMHA:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has increased the budgetary outlay of Ministry during the last three years, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the salient features, aims and the beneficiaries of the NaiManzil Scheme for welfare of notified minority communities;
- (c) the progress made under the scheme and the number of people benefitting from the scheme in terms of education and skill development;
- (d) the details of the funds allocated to the project implementing agencies to implement this scheme during the last two years and whether the NaiManzil Scheme is aligned with Skill India and Digital India Mission of the Government; and
- (e) the other significant steps taken by the Government to enable minorities to seek better employment in the organized sector and equip them with better lives?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a): Yes, Madam. The budgetary outlay of Ministry of Minority Affairs for the last three financial years and the current financial year 2017-18 is as under:-

Financial Year	Budget Allocation
2014-15	Rs.3734.01 crore
2015-16	Rs.3738.11 crore
2016-17	Rs.3827.25 crore
2017-18	Rs.4195.48 crore

(b) Ministry of Minority Affairs is implementing “NaiManzil” Scheme, a comprehensive education and skill development scheme, for minority youth aged between 17 to 35 years. The design of the scheme is to support productive employment among minority youth who do not possess a formal education certification for Class VIII or X. The minority youth covered under this Scheme belongs to six notified minority communities i.e Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists and Parsis.

The aim/objective of the Nai Manzil scheme is to improve completion of secondary education and provide market-driven skill/training for targeted youth from minority communities. The scheme is primarily implemented by the Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) who provide non- residential integrated education and skill training for 9 to 12 months, of which a minimum of 3 months is devoted to skill training compliant with the National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF). The six-month education part is being imparted to the beneficiaries through Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) under the Scheme which will be followed by three-month skill training and subsequent placement of beneficiaries.

(c): Total target for number of beneficiaries to be covered under the Nai Manzil Scheme is one lakh. While a total of 69,840 beneficiaries have been covered in 2016-17, remaining 30,160 youth are being covered in the current year.

(d): While no funds were released during 2015-16, an expenditure of Rs.118 crore was made during 2016-17. Nai Manzil Scheme is aligned with Skill India and Digital India Mission of the Government.

(e): Nai Manzil Scheme provides minorities with employment in the form of wage employment and self-employment through providing them education and skill training. Besides the Ministry of Minority Affairs also implements Skill Development Initiative scheme envisaging a minimum of 75% employment of trained minority youth and out of them 50% in organized sector. Another Scheme, namely, “Upgrading Skill and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD)” aims at capacity building of minority artists and craftsmen including lesser known artists/ craftsmen. Loan scheme of National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) provides self-employment. Maulana Azad Education Foundation under the Ministry has also recently launched a new scheme “Gharib Nawaz Skill Development Training” for minorities for providing short term job-oriented skill development courses to youth belonging to minority communities from 2017-18.

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