

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1934
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.03.2018**

Schemes for Welfare of Minorities

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SHRI P. R. SUNDARAM :
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various schemes under implementation for the welfare of minorities by the Government;
- (b) the funds allocated/released/spent for implementation of these schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the scheme-wise and State-wise details of the achievements made under the said schemes during the said period;
- (d) the scheme-wise and State-wise details of the actual, financial and other benefits received by minorities during the said period; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for speedy implementation and to achieve the targets under the said scheme and to create awareness about such schemes?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): This Ministry is implementing the following Schemes/Programmes in the country for the welfare of six Centrally notified minorities, namely, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains.

- (1) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme
- (2) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme
- (3) Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme
- (4) Maulana Azad National Fellowship
- (5) Free coaching and Allied Scheme
- (6) "Padho Pardes" – Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies.
- (7) Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Service Commission (PSC) etc. (Nai Udaan)
- (8) Jiyo Parsi
- (9) Nai Roshni – Women Leadership Scheme
- (10) Seekho Aur Kamao
- (11) Nai Manzil – A scheme for formal school education & skilling of school dropouts.
- (12) USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development)
- (13) Hamari Dharohar - A scheme to preserve rich heritage of minority Communities under the overall concept of Indian Culture.
- (14) Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) - implemented in Identified Minority Concentration Blocks, Minority Concentration Towns & Clusters of Contiguous Villages for creation of assets.
- (15) Grants-in-Aid to Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) for implementation of education and skill related schemes:-
 - (a) Grants-in-Aid to NGOs/Trust/Society
 - (b) Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for Meritorious Girls belonging to the Minorities
 - (c) Gharib Nawaz Skill Development Training for providing short-term job oriented skill development courses to youths belonging to minority communities.
- (16) Equity to National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) for providing concessional loans to minorities for self-Employment and income generating ventures.

The details of the schemes including funds allocated/released/spent and the achievements during each of the last three years and the current year in respect of serial No. (1) to (14) are available on the website of this Ministry (www.minorityaffairs.gov.in), the one at serial No.(15) are available on the website of MAEF (www.maef.nic.in) and at serial No. 16 are available on the website of NMDFC (www.nmdfc.org).

(e): The Government has undertaken multi-media campaign to spread awareness of welfare schemes meant for minorities through print and electronic media, namely, Doordarshan Network, All India Radio Network including FM Channels, private FM channels, private TV channels and websites all over the country, including rural areas. Pocket booklets and pamphlets on various schemes / programmes of the Ministry have been published in Hindi, English, Urdu and other regional languages. In order to directly reach to the public and spread awareness, 'Progress Panchayats' were organized in various places. Regional Coordination & Review Conferences are also held with State Governments from time to time where, inter-alia, information about the Ministry's schemes is provided and the schemes implemented by the Government are reviewed/monitored. In addition, outdoor publicity has also been done by organizing 'Hunar Haat' at various places in New Delhi and other cities of India during 2016, 2017 and 2018 till date to promote traditional crafts/arts and strengthen their markets linkages.
