

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2394
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2018**

Welfare Schemes in Rural Areas

**2394. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:**

Will the Minister of **MINORITY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ongoing schemes implemented by the Ministry in the rural areas of the country at present;
- (b) the details of workshops organized in the rural areas, especially in Santhal Pargana of Jharkhand during each of the last three years and the number of participants thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote the present schemes; and
- (d) the details of beneficiaries, fund allocated and spent under various schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Jharkhand?

ANSWER

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

(a): This Ministry is implementing the following schemes/programmes for the welfare of six centrally notified minority communities, namely, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains, in the country, including the rural areas of the country:-

- (1) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme - For Class I to X.
- (2) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme – For Class XI to Ph.D.
- (3) Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme – For Professional and Technical Courses.
- (4) Maulana Azad National Fellowship – For M.Phil. and Ph.D
- (5) Free Coaching and Allied Scheme (Naya Savera) – For Competitive Examination of Professional Courses and Government Jobs.
- (6) “Padho Pardesh”– Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies.
- (7) Nai Udaan - Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Service Commission (PSC), etc.
- (8) Hamari Dharohar - A scheme to preserve rich heritage of minority communities under the overall concept of Indian Culture.
- (9) Jiyo Parsi – Scheme for containing population decline of small minority community.
- (10) Nai Roshni–Leadership Development of Minority Women
- (11) Skill Development Initiatives - Seekho Aur Kamao
- (12) Nai Manzil – A scheme for formal school education & skilling of school dropouts.
- (13) USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development)

- (14) 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.
 - (d) Bridge Course for madarsa students & school dropouts by Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh and Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi under Nai Manzil scheme. (implemented through MAEF).
 - (e) Swachh Vidyalaya Initiative.
- (15) Equity to National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) for providing concessional loans to minorities for self-employment and income generating activities through State Chanellising Agencies.
- (16) Besides the above, an Area Development Programme called Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK), earlier known as Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP), is implemented in identified Minority Concentration District Headquarters, Minority Concentration Blocks, Minority Concentration Towns & Clusters of Contiguous Villages which are relatively backward.

The details of the ongoing schemes/programmes at serial No. (1) to (13) and (16) are available on the website of this Ministry (www.minorityaffairs.gov.in), details of the scheme at serial No.(14) are available on the website of MAEF (www.maef.nic.in) and that of at serial No.(15) are available on the website of NMDFC (www.nmdfc.org).

(b): While no workshop has been organized in Santhal Pargana of Jharkhand during the last three years, Ministry of Minority Affairs has organized a workshop in 2017-18 for Interactive Session with Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) of North Eastern States and Local Beneficiaries (women trainees from Imphal) at Imphal, Manipur under the scheme “Nai Roshni”.

(c): 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 and far flung areas. Pocket booklets and pamphlets on various schemes / programmes of the Ministry are published in Hindi, English, Urdu and other

regional languages. In order to directly reach to the public and spread awareness, 'Progress Panchayats' are 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. In addition, outdoor publicity is also being done by organizing 'Hunar Haat'. Recently, Hunar Haats have been organized at (i) India International Trade Fair 2016 and 2017, (ii) Baba Kharak Singh Marg, New Delhi in February 2017 & 2018, (iii) Puducherry in September, 2017, and at Mumbai in January, 2018, to further promote traditional crafts/arts, generate employment and strengthen their market linkages.

(d): The details of beneficiaries, fund allocated and spent under various schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Jharkhand are available on the website of the Ministry at **www.minorityaffairs.gov.in**.
