

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2529
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2018**

Upliftment of Minorities

**2529. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
 SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
 SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the welfare schemes implemented by the Government for the welfare of minorities have achieved the desired results in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has increased central assistance to the said schemes/programmes during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and scheme/programme-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): With a view to enhance opportunities for education; ensure an equitable share for minorities in economic activities & employment through existing and new schemes; enhanced credit support for self-employment and recruitment to State and Central Government jobs, the Ministry of Minority Affairs has implemented the following schemes/initiatives for the welfare of the six notified minority communities namely, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains and Parsis:-

- (i) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme – For Class I to X.
- (ii) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme – For Class XI to Ph.D.
- (iii) Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme – For Professional and Technical Courses.
- (iv) Maulana Azad National Fellowship – For M.Phil. and Ph.D

- (v) Free Coaching and Allied Scheme (Naya Savera) – For Competitive Examination of Professional Courses and Government Jobs.
- (vi) “Padho Pardesh”– Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies.
- (vii) Nai Udaan - Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State PublicService Commission (PSC), etc.
- (viii) Hamari Dharohar - A scheme to preserve rich heritage of minority communities under the overall concept of Indian Culture.
- (ix) Jiyo Parsi – Scheme for containing population decline of small minority community.
- (x) Nai Roshni–Leadership Development of Minority Women
- (xi) Skill Development Initiatives - Seekho Aur Kamao
- (xii) Nai Manzil – A scheme for formal school education & skilling of school dropouts.
- (xiii) USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development)
- (xiv) Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) earlier known as Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) – Area Development Programme implemented in identified Minority Concentration District Headquarters, Minority Concentration Blocks, Minority Concentration Towns & Clusters of Contiguous Villages.
- (xv) Grants-in-Aid to Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) for implementation of education and skill related schemes:-
 - ❖ Grants-in-Aid to NGOs/Trust/Society
 - ❖ Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for Meritorious Girls belonging to the Minorities.
 - ❖ Gharib Nawaz Skill Development Training for providing short-term job oriented skill development courses to youths belonging to minority communities.
 - ❖ 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).
 - ❖ Swachh Vidyalaya Initiative.
- (xvi) Equity to National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) for providing concessional loans to minorities for self-employment and income generating ventures.

The schemes operated by this Ministry are reviewed on a continuous basis. Review studies of the schemes have shown that the desired

results/objectives of the schemes have been achieved. Corrective steps have been taken wherever warranted. The details of the ongoing schemes/programmes at Serial Number (i) to (xiv) are available on the website of this Ministry (www.minorityaffairs.gov.in); details of the scheme at Serial Number (xv) are available on the website of MAEF (www.maef.nic.in); and that of Serial Number (xvi) are available on the website of NMDFC (www.nmdfc.org).

The Ministry of Minority Affairs has progressively increased central assistance under the schemes/programmes implemented by it during the last three years and the present year. Details of the revised estimates (RE) of the Ministry under various schemes/programmes during the last three years and the present year are as under:

| <u>S. N.</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>RE (Rs. in crore)</u> |
|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | 2015-16 | 3,712.78 |
| 2 | 2016-17 | 3,797.80 |
| 3 | 2017-18 | 4,195.48 |
| 4 | 2018-19 (up to 30.06.2018) | *4,700.00 (Budget Estimates) |

*RE not available
