

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.41
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2019**

Welfare Scheme for Minorities

41. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

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

- (a) whether any new welfare schemes for the minority section of the society have been launched in the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of fund allocation for each of the schemes and the percentage of funds that has been utilized during the last three years ending 30.11.2018?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*41, TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2019 ASKED BY SHRI PINAKI MISHRA REGRADING "WELFARE SCHEME FOR MINORITIES".

(a) & (b): Government has initiated the following welfare schemes for minorities during the last five years:-

- (1) NaiManzil – A scheme for formal school education & skilling of school dropouts has been initiated in the year 2016-17. Since inception Rs. 210.75 has been released for 1 lakh youth under the programme.
- (2) USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development) Scheme. HunarHaat is also being organised under this Scheme from 2016-17 to further promote traditional crafts/arts, employment generation and strengthen their market linkages. Till date 11 HunarHaats have been organized.
- (3) HamariDharohar – Implementation of this scheme is done to preserve rich heritage of minority communities under the overall concept of Indian Culture.
- (4) The Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) has been restructured and implemented as Pradhan Mantri Jan VikasKaryakram(PMJVK) in the remaining period of 14th Finance Commission. Under the restructured PMJVK, the area covered has been extended by adding 109 Minority Concentration District Headquarters (MCD Hqr), increasing the number of Minority Concentration Blocks(MCB) from 710 to 870 and Minority Concentration Towns(MCT) from 66 to 321. New states/UTs namely, Goa, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Nagaland and Himachal Pradesh have been included under the programme. Overall, the number of Districts covered under the restructured PMJVK is around 308 of the country as compared to 196 Districts under the MsDP programme in the 12th Plan period.
- (5) The pre-matric, post-matric and merit-cum-means based scholarship schemes have been restructured for implementation through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) and to provide for disbursement of scholarship through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). Since inception of the scheme 579 lakh scholarships have been disbursed amounting to Rs. 12996.80crores.
- (6) SekhoAurKamao a placement linked skill development scheme for minorities has been launched during 2013-14. The scheme aims at upgrading the skills of minority youth in various model/traditional skills depending upon their qualification, present economic trends and market potential which can earn them a suitable employment or make them skilled to go for self-employment. Under the scheme 4.67 lakh persons have been sanctioned/allocated and an amount of Rs. 710.89 crore has been spent since inception.
- (7) Under the Begum HazratMahal National Scholarship for meritorious girls, implemented by Maulana Azad Education Foundation, scholarship is also being given to girls studying in class IX and X, besides girls studying in class XI and XII. Since 2014-15, Rs. 216.32crore has been disbursed as scholarship to 2.41 lakh girl students.
- (8) Gharib Nawaz Skill Development Training for Minorities – A scheme to provide short-term job oriented skill development courses to youths belonging to the 06 centrally notified minority communities, namely, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains {implemented through Maulana Azad Education

Foundation (MAEF)}. Since inception an amount of Rs. 400 crore has been allocated under the scheme.

- (9) 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).
- (10) Swachh Vidyalaya (implemented through MAEF). Since inception an amount of Rs. 20 crore has been allotted under the scheme.

The details of the schemes at serial No. (1) to (6) are available on the website of this Ministry (www.minorityaffairs.gov.in) and those at serial No.(7) to (10) are available on the website of MAEF (www.maef.nic.in).

(c): The details of quantum of fund allocated for each of the schemes and the percentage of funds utilized in the last three years till 31.12.2018 are available on the website of the Ministry at www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.
