

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2992
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.07.2019**

Literacy among Minority Girls

2992. SHRI SANTOKH SINGH CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase the literacy and education levels of girls from minority communities;
- (b) if so, the details of schemes launched in this regard; and
- (c) the number of persons who have received the benefit of these schemes, State/UT-wise?

**A N S W E R
MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a) to (c): Yes Sir. The Government has implemented various schemes to increase the literacy and education level of girls belonging to the notified minority communities, namely, viz. Jain, Buddhist, Sikh, Parsi, Muslim and Christian.

Details of the schemes implemented for the educational empowerment of six centrally notified minorities by Ministry of Minority Affairs are as under:-

- (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. Out of 3.18 Crore scholarships provided in the last five years, minority girls constituted more than 50% of the total minority community beneficiaries.
- (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 Manzil** – A scheme for formal school education & skilling of school dropouts.
- (viii) **Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram(PMJVK)**:- It is area development scheme. The Ministry has identified 1300 backward Minority Concentration Areas (MCAs) for the implementation of this scheme. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for creating socio-economic infrastructure as well as basic amenities for uplifting the quality of life of minorities in the MCAs. The thrust of the Scheme is to allocate at least 80% of the resources for education, out of which 33-40% are to be specifically allocated for women centric projects.

(ix) **Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF)** implements educational and employment related schemes:-

- **Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for Meritorious Girls**(girls specific scholarship scheme) belonging to the six centrally notified Minorities for class 9th to 12th.
- Bridge Course for dropout students - by Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh and JamiaMillialslamia, New Delhi under Nai Manzil scheme.
- Swachh Vidyalaya Initiative.

Further, under the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities which is an overarching programme, covering various schemes/initiatives of the participating Ministries/Departments and is implemented throughout the country. All the schemes/initiatives included in the programme are implemented by the participating Ministries /Departments, either exclusively for or by earmarking of overall physical /financial targets for minorities. The programame aims to promote education as well as social welfare of minorities by ensuring equitable share in economic activities and employment through existing and new schemes, enhanced credit support for self-employment and recruitment to State and Central Government jobs.

The details of the ongoing schemes/programmesincluding number of beneficiaries covered are available on the website of this Ministry www.minorityaffairs.gov.in; www.maef.nic.in and www.nmdfc.org.
