

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5336
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2019**

Completion of Schemes for Welfare of Minorities

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of interactions and coordination between the Union and State Governments for completion of schemes for welfare of minorities;
- (b) the response of State Governments, State/scheme-wise;
- (c) whether the State Governments have extended adequate cooperation in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the further action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) This Ministry continuously interacts with State Governments / UT Administrations for implementation / completion of various schemes being implemented for welfare of minorities. The State Governments / UT Administrations have extended adequate cooperation, wherever required, in implementation of all the welfare schemes for the six centrally notified minorities. Some of the important platforms for interaction are as under: -

- (i) National Conference is organised generally every year and the Secretaries in-charge of the Minority Welfare Departments of the States are invited to attend;
- (ii) Regional conferences are conducted to discuss the problems in the States falling in the particular region.
- (iii) Meetings of the Empowered Committee (EC) are conducted regularly to consider the project proposals with the State Govt. concerned under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK).
- (iv) Central Waqf Council (CWC) interacts with State Waqf Boards (SWBs) on regular basis through Conferences, meetings, etc. Video conferencing facilities have been provided to 20 SWBs in the last two years.
- (v) National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) interacts with its State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) on regular basis.

Further, Ministry is implementing the following schemes/ Programmes in the country for the welfare and all round development of six centrally notified minorities, namely, Jain, Buddhist, Sikh, Parsi, Muslim and Christian.

- (1) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme.
- (2) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme.
- (3) Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme.
Since 2015, the scholarship schemes are being implemented through DBT mode to improve the efficiency and bring transparency by removing duplicity and stopping pilferages.
- (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 – Leadership development of minority women to instill confidence.
- (10) Seekho Aur Kamao – Employment-oriented Skill Development Initiatives.
- (11) Nai Manzil - A World Bank assisted scheme for formal school education & skilling of school dropouts.
- (12) USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development) by providing a platform to traditional Master Artisans and Craft persons for getting opportunities and market by organising of Hunar Haats.
- (13) Hamari Dharohar - A scheme to preserve rich heritage of Indian Minority Communities under the overall concept of Indian Culture.
- (14) Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakaram (PMJVK) - implemented in Identified Minority Concentration Blocks, Minority Concentration Towns, District Headquarters & Clusters of Contiguous Villages for creation of basic infrastructural assets.
- (15) Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) implements educational empowerment schemes: -
 - (a) Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for Meritorious Girls belonging to the six centrally notified Minorities.
 - (b) Gharib Nawaz Employment and Training Programme is currently being implemented effectively for providing short-term job oriented skill development courses to youths belonging to minority communities.
- (16) The NMDFC provides concessional loans for self- Employment and income generating ventures.
