

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5372
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2019**

Schemes for Minorities

5372. SHRI P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas that have been opened up in Muslim concentrated districts;
- (b) the details of various schemes implemented by the Government exclusively for the welfare of Muslim women;
- (c) the details of the beneficiaries of these schemes;
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to increase the number of pre-matric, post-matric and merit-cum-means scholarship given to Muslim students; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development is implementing Integrated Scheme for School Education (ISSE) namely **Samagra Shiksha** since 2018-19, under which there is a specific provision of **Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV)** to promote girls education.

Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) are residential schools from class VI to XII for girls belonging to disadvantaged groups such as SC,ST,OBC, Minority and persons Below Poverty Line (BPL). The objectives behind establishing KGBVs is to ensure access to quality education to girls from disadvantaged groups by setting up residential schools and to reduce gender gaps at all levels of school education.

Out of 5970 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) sanctioned under Samagra Shiksha as on 31.03.2019, 4841 are operational enrolling 5.60 lakh girls. 1670 KGBVs have been sanctioned in 121 Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) and 88 Muslim Concentration Districts (Special Focused Districts) of

which 1177 are operational having enrolment ranging from 16.26% to 27.71% Muslim Girls.

(b)&(c) The Ministry implements two schemes specially for minority woman, namely; **Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship** for Meritorious Girls [through Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF)] belonging to the six centrally notified Minorities viz. Jain, Buddhist, Sikh, Parsi, Muslim and Christian and “**NaiRoshni**” scheme for Leadership Development for those women who are willing and can be further trained under any short duration training for Economic empowerment besides general handholding so that they could get sustainable economic livelihood opportunities through suitable wage employment or self-employment / micro-enterprises.

The Government is also implementing various other schemes for the welfare of six centrally notified minority communities wherein case of individual beneficiaries, 30-33% seats are earmarked for minority girls details of which are as under:

- (1) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme
- (2) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme
- (3) Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme
- (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) Seekho Aur Kamao – Employment oriented Skill Development Initiatives
- (10) Nai Manzil- A World Bank assisted scheme for formal school education & skilling of school dropouts.
- (11) 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 HunarHaats.
- (12) Hamari Dharohar - A scheme to preserve rich heritage of Indian Minority Communities under the overall concept of Indian Culture.
- (13) Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) - implemented in Identified Minority Concentration Blocks, Minority Concentration Towns & Clusters of Contiguous Villages for creation of basic infrastructural assets.
- (14) National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) provides concessional loans for self- Employment and income generating ventures.

Further, the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities which is an overarching programme, covers 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 programme aims to promote education as well as social welfare of minorities (including women) 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.

During the last five years, 2,97,000 women benefitted from the Nai Roshni scheme. Under Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship scheme (MAEF), 5,89,838 girls students have benefitted till date.

(d)&(e): Yes Sir, The government during the last five years has provided 3.18 crores scholarships to students from amongst the six centrally notified Minorities namely, Jain, Buddhist, Sikh, Parsi, Muslim and Christian. Out of these, girls constitute more than 50% of the beneficiaries. It is proposed to increase the number of beneficiaries under the three Scholarship Schemes namely Pre-Matric, Post Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs over the next five years by popularising them among the six centrally notified minority communities and to earmark 50% of the scholarships for girls instead of 30% at present. Further measures will be taken to increase renewal of scholarships and minimize the dropout rates particularly under the pre-matric and post-matric Schemes to ensure that a child once registered under these Schemes completes school education or the training in the vocation of her/his choice.
