ALLOCATION AND UTILISATION OF FUNDS

*107. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:
SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU.: 

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that out of the budgetary allocation of Rs. 4700 crore, Rs. 5029 crore and Rs. 4810.77 crore, the Ministry could spend only Rs. 4505.10 crore, Rs. 3998.57 crore and Rs. 2342.23 crore during the years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 respectively;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for such low utilisation of the allocated funds; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure timely achievement of targets set by the Ministry along with proper utilisation of the funds?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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(a) & (b): The Government has implemented various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every strata, including minorities, specially the economically weaker and lesser privileged sections of the society, through various schemes of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of women and Child Development and Ministry of Rural Development.

2. Ministry of Minority Affairs specifically implements various schemes across the country for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities. The Schemes/programmes implemented by the Ministry during the last five years are as under:

A. Educational Empowerment schemes
   (1) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme
   (2) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme
   (3) Merit-cum- Means based Scholarship Scheme

B. Employment and Economic Empowerment Schemes
   (4) Pradhan Mantri Virasat ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS)
   (5) Equity to National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) for providing concessional loans to Minorities

C. Special Schemes
   (6) Jiyo Parsi: A Scheme for reversing the population decline of Parsis in India
   (7) Quami Waqf Board Taraqqiati Scheme (QWBTS) and Shahari Waqf Sampatti Vikas Yojana (SWSVY)

D. Infrastructure Development Schemes
   (8) Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK)

3. As of present, there is a cumulative balance of Rs. 2509 crore (approx.) lying in State Nodal Agency (SNA) accounts of respective State/UT Governments under PMJVK scheme and a large part of this is likely to be unspent even at the end of current financial year. Accordingly, BE for PMJVK has been reduced for the Financial Year 2023-24 to Rs. 600 crore, as against Rs. 1650 crore during the current Financial Year.
4. The year-wise details of budget allocation vis-à-vis its expenditure are given as under:

(Rs. in crore)

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(c): COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting restrictions hampered most activities under schemes of the Ministry during financial years 2020-21 and 2021-22. However, Ministry made concerted efforts to ensure that beneficiaries of the schemes got the desired assistance and support. Timely monitoring ensured spending of the budget in timely manner.

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