

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 197**  
ANSWERED ON 02.02.2023

**WORLD BANK FUNDING FOR SCHEMES RELATED TO MINORITIES**

197. MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank has funded a six-year project to improve the education and skills of young people of minority communities;
- (b) if so, the details of projects and assistance provided to the States therein; and
- (c) the details of the projects that have been introduced under Nai Manzil (new horizons) scheme to impart education and skills through training agencies and to provide learning/employment opportunities for nearly 1,00,000 disadvantaged youth including women?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Minority Affairs launched a Central Sector Scheme (CSS) namely Nai Manzil on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2015 with 50% of funding from the World Bank to benefit the minority youth who do not have formal school leaving certificate, i.e., those in the category of school-dropouts or educated in community education institutions like Madarasas. The scheme provided a combination of formal education (Class VIII or X) and skills and enabled the beneficiaries seek better employment and livelihoods.

Under the scheme grants are not released to State Governments but to the Project Implementing Agencies (PIAS) empanelled for implementation of the scheme. Under the scheme, 98,712 beneficiaries have been trained with more than 50% women beneficiaries.

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