

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 20**  
ANSWERED ON 02.02.2023

**PACE OF WORK MINORITY COMMUNITY**

20. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to start any scheme for the development of minority community in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any scheme has been formulated for providing loan for the education of the minority students; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof;

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(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.

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 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 (PMVIKAS)
- (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) Qaumi Waqf Board Taraqqiati Scheme (QWBTS) and Shahari Waqf Sampatti Vikas Yojana (SWSVY).

**(D) Infrastructure Development Schemes**

(8) Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK)

The details of all the above mentioned schemes are available on the website of the Ministry i.e. [www.minorityaffairs.gov.in](http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in).

(c) & (d): National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under this Ministry implements Education Loan scheme through the State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) for the benefit of Students belonging to Minority Communities to pursue technical and professional courses with maximum duration of 5 Years. Under the Education Loan scheme, Loan upto Rs.20.00 Lacs is available for courses in India and upto Rs.30.00 Lacs for courses abroad. Further details are available on the website of NMDFC i.e. [www.nmdfc.org](http://www.nmdfc.org).

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