

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA  
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**Economic conditions of Minority Communities**

3565. SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT:

Will the Minister of Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the economic condition of minority communities has improved in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): As per the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2021-22 conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the Labour Force Participation Rate for all ages as per usual status has increased from 34.1% in 2019-20 to 35.1% in 2021-22 for religious group practising Islam whereas the same has increased from 43.9% & 41.1% to 45.2 % & 41.4% for Christianity & Sikhism respectively in the same period.

The Government implements various schemes for economic empowerment of every strata, including minorities, specially the economically weaker and lesser privileged sections of the society, through various skilling schemes and other initiatives like Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Startup India, Stand-Up India, Skill India, Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, etc.

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) National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) Scheme for providing concessional loans to minorities.

(C) Special Schemes

- (6) Jiyo Parsi: A scheme for reversing the declining trend of Parsi population.
- (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)

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