### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 1977 ANSWERED ON 14/12/2023

#### **WAQF BOARD**

#### †1977. SHRI HAJI FAZLUR REHMAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated/ proposes to formulate any scheme to modernize the Waqf Board and to further empower it in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount of funds likely to be spent by the Government in this regard?

#### **ANSWER**

## THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a) & (b) Yes, the Ministry implements Qaumi Waqf Board Taraqqiati Scheme (QWBTS) under which financial assistance is provided to State Waqf Boards (SWBs) towards computerization and digitization of Waqf records. Under the scheme the Ministry also supports the SWBs for deployment of manpower viz. Assistant Programmer, Survey Assistant, Accountant and Legal Assistant, setting up of Video Conferencing Facility, Centralized Computing Facility (CCF) & Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Solution for modernizing and better administration of SWBs.
- (c) During the period of 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission, fund provision for the year from 2021-22 to 2025-26 under Qaumi Waqf Board Taraqqiati Scheme (QWBTS) is Rs. 70 crore. Under the scheme funds are provided to Waqf Boards as per the defined modules of the scheme on receipt of proposal. Further amount are released only on receipt of UC of previous releases.

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