

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
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SCHEMES FOR UPLIFTMENT OF MINORITIES

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented any schemes for upliftment of every level of society including Minorities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of achievement of such schemes during last five years;
- (c) whether Government is taking any steps for promoting and spreading awareness about the schemes being implemented; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (d) The Government implements various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every strata, including minorities, through various schemes of the different Ministries. 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 details of minority welfare schemes are as under:

1. Educational Empowerment Schemes

- i.) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme: The scholarship is provided to minority students studying in Government/ recognized private schools. Minimum 30% scholarships are earmarked for girls. To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/guardian's income of more than ₹ 1.00 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class.
- ii.) Post Matric Scholarship Scheme : The scholarship is provided to minority students studying in Class XI to Ph.D level in Government/recognized Private schools/Colleges/Institutes. Minimum 30% scholarships are earmarked for girls. To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/guardian's income of more than ₹ 2.00 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class.
- iii.) Merit-cum-Mean based Scholarship Scheme : The scholarship is awarded for pursuing professional and technical courses at under- graduate and post-graduate levels, in institutions recognized by the appropriate authority. Under the scheme, 30% Scholarships are earmarked for girl students. 85 institutes for professional and technical courses have been listed in the scheme; for which full course fee is reimbursed. To be eligible, students should not have annual

parental/guardian's income of more than ₹ 2.50 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class.

The details of achievement of three scholarship schemes during last five years are available on the website of minority affairs at url- <https://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in>.

2. Employment and Economic Empowerment Schemes

iv) 'Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS)' has subsumed Seekho aur Kamao (SAK), Nai Manzil, USTTAD and Nai Roshni, schemes of the Ministry. PM VIKAS focuses on skill development; entrepreneurship and leadership of minority women; and education support for school dropouts. A brief of the converging schemes is given below.

The number of people trained under these schemes during the last five years is given below:

Scheme	Actual Expenditure Made in Rs. Crs.	Number of beneficiaries trained overall
Seekho aur Kamao	1,009.56	3,16,881
Nai Manzil	330.6	30,125
USTTAD	240.96	7,393
Nai Roshni	45.11	1,38,375

*Note: No new targets have been allocated under the Seekho aur Kamao, Nai Roshni and Nai Manzil scheme since 2020-21 and since 2018-19 under the USTTAD scheme. Currently only past committed liabilities are being cleared.

(Five-year period taken from 2017-18 to 2021-2022)

v) National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) provides concessional loans to minorities on refinance mode which supports them in their Economic empowerment and generation of livelihoods. Government supports the NMDFC in execution of this programme.

The details of concessional loan disbursed by NMDFC during last five years is as follows:

Sl. No.	F.Y.	Amt. in Rs. crs.
1.	2018-19	603.66
2.	2019-20	602.50
3.	2020-21	650.41
4.	2021-22	700.00
5.	2022-23	881.70

3. Infrastructure Development Scheme

vi) Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) with the objective to develop infrastructure projects for socioeconomic development of minority population in identified areas in the country. The priority sectors under PMJVK are education, health, skill development, women centric projects, etc. The projects under the scheme are considered and approved on the basis of the proposals received from the respective State Govt. and UT Administration.

The details of achievement under PMJVK during the last five years is below:

Name of Projects	No of Units approved	Total Cost approved (Rs. in Lakh)	Central Share approved (Rs. in Lakh)	Total funds released (Rs. in Lakh)
School Buildings	382	54612.38	36636.43	28521.39
Residential School	106	248970.54	182119.35	96072.14
Hostel for school/ITI/polytechnic	253	73489.76	55143.72	36299.29
Colleges	28	27016.06	17369.04	9724.23
Additional Classrooms/Library/Lab/ Hall in schools	4307	57976.83	38729.25	27989.98
Smart Classroom/ Computer Lab/ Teaching Aid in school	13452	43082.99	36342.50	30257.68
Other Infrastructure in school	4937	12968.13	8343.80	4585.88
Health Projects	780	253543.76	171043.59	82206.95
ITI/Additional Infrastructure for ITI	40	36823.68	22119.78	12568.52
Polytechnic/ Additional infrastructure for Existing polytechnic	10	15595.94	10042.76	5535.28
Skill Centres	20	4450.76	2983.35	1649.18
Hunar Hub	9	2395.91	1596.85	493.45
Working Women Hostel	26	14402.14	11436.32	8336.91
AWC	1011	10494.66	6730.86	5431.51
Community Service Centre/ Sadbhav Mandap/Community Hall	305	51635.26	37056.03	17991.60
Sports Projects	78	36474.82	32205.67	19601.46
Drinking Water	1021	56016.34	29873.79	17462.81
Infrastructure in college	6	4547.88	3913.72	2270.64
Sanitation Projects	440	13888.86	7105.94	3685.33
Misc infrastructure	19	774.71	464.83	232.42

The Government is promoting and spreading awareness about the schemes of the Ministry through regular IEC measures.
