

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1646
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.11.2019**

Welfare of Minorities

1646. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL: SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has chalked out any plan for welfare of minorities with the slogan 'Sabka Sath Sabka Vikas' and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether minorities especially Muslims lag behind in health and education sector and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed the schemes for the welfare of minorities in regard to their implementation, allocation of budget and achievement; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

- (a) Ministry is implementing the following schemes / Programmes in the country, for the welfare & development of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities namely, Buddhists, Christians, Jains, Muslims, Sikhs and Parsis. These schemes / Programmes in brief are as under:-
 - (1) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme: for upto class X.
 - (2) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme: for class XI to Ph.D.
 - (3) Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship: Scheme for Professional and Technical Courses.

(4) Maulana Azad National Fellowship: Fellowship for pursuing higher studies such as M. Phil and Ph. D as per UGC norms.

In last 5 years 3.18 crore students from six centrally notified minorities have received scholarships under different schemes of the Ministry, out of which more than 50% constitute girls.

(5) Naya Savera: Free Coaching & Allied Scheme – The Scheme aims to provide free coaching to students/candidates belonging to minority communities for qualifying in entrance examinations of technical/ professional courses and Competitive examinations for recruitment to Group 'A' , 'B' and 'C' level.

(6) "Padho Pardes": Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies.

(7) Nai Udaan: Support to minority candidates clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC/SSC, State Public Service Commission (PSC) - The objective of the Scheme is to provide financial support to the minority community candidates clearing prelims conducted by Union Public Service Commission, Staff Selection Commission and State Public Service Commissions for preparation of their mains exams. Support for candidates clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Service Commission (PSC) etc.

(8) Jiyo Parsi: The scheme aims to contain the population decline of Parsis in India. A unique scheme that aims to contain population decline of Parsis in India.

(9) Nai Roshni: An exclusive scheme for Leadership Development of Women to instill confidence in them by providing knowledge, tools and techniques for interacting with Government systems, banks and intermediaries at all levels.

(10) Seekho Aur Kamao: A Placement linked skill development program.

(11) Nai Manzil: A scheme for formal school education & skilling of school dropouts.

(12) USTTAD: Scheme for upgrading Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts, organising of Hunar Haats for marketing of such arts and crafts.

(13) Hamari Dharohar: A scheme to preserve rich heritage of Indian Minority Communities under the overall concept of Indian Culture.

(14) Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) for implementation of education and employment oriented schemes.

(15) National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) provides concessional loans to minorities for self- Employment and income generating ventures.

(16) Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakaram (PMJVK): The Ministry has implemented Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) earlier known as Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, in identified Minority Concentration Areas (MCA) of the country with the objective of developing socio-economic assets and basic amenities in these areas to bring them at par with other parts of the country. The area covered under PMJVK has now been increased to 109 Minority Concentration District Headquarters (MCD Hqrs), 870 Minority Concentration Blocks (MCB). and 321 Minority Concentration Towns (MCT) and Cluster of Minority Concentration Villages (CoMCMV) which are identified on the basis of proposal received from the States/UTs. In all 1300 Minority Concentration Areas have been identified spread over in 308 Districts of 32 States/UTs.

Projects like Residential Schools, New Schools, College Buildings, Student Hostels, Additional Class Rooms, Laboratory Rooms in Schools, Computer Rooms, Toilets, ITIs, Polytechnics, Skill Training Centres, Working Women Hostels, Hospitals, Health Centres, Anganwadi Centres, Drinking Water Projects, Common Service Centres, Sadbhav Mandaps, Market Sheds etc. as proposed by the State Govts/UT Administrations are sanctioned by the Govt. The details are available at <http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/empowered-committee-minutes>.

(b) The Government is continuously working to improve the health and education indicators of all Minorities. Apart from Ministry of Minority Affairs, other Ministries are also working for the socio-economic and educational empowerment of the minorities including in the areas of health and education through their general schemes.

(c) & (d) All schemes are subject to review from time to time in order to further streamline them and make them more effective with necessary budget allocations, changes in guidelines and any other aspect.
