

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 813
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.11.2019**

Schemes for Academic Improvement of Minorities

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding different schemes of the Ministry which aim at improving the academic aspects of the minorities;
- (b) the details of amounts allocated for such schemes during the last two years;
- (c) the funds that have been spent and remain unspent during the said period;
- (d) whether the Ministry is taking assistance from the NGOs in implementing such schemes in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Ministry is implementing following schemes aimed at improving the academic aspects of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities namely, Buddhists, Christians, Jains, Muslims, Sikhs and Parsis. These schemes / Programmes in brief are as under:-

Educational Empowerment

- Scholarship Schemes – Pre-Matric, Post-Metric, Merit –cum- Means
- Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF)
- Padho Pardesh - Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for the Students Belonging to the Minority Communities
- Naya Savera - Free Coaching and Allied Scheme
- Nai Udaan - Support for Students for preparation of Main Examination who clear Prelims conducted by UPSC/SSC, State Public Service Commission (PSC) etc.
- Nai Manzil - Under the Nai Manzil scheme, there is an education component for Minority Youth who were left out from Formal Education.

- Besides the above, Begum Hazrat Mahal Scholarship Scheme for girls is also implemented by Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) an autonomous body of the Ministry.

(b) & (c) A total of Rs.4821 crore was allocated to these schemes in last 2 years of which Rs.4344.17 crore was spent. During 2017-18 a sum of Rs.16.14 crore only was unspent. The unspent balance for 2018-19 was Rs. 498.94 crore. Against this, the disbursement figures for three scholarship schemes for 2019-20, against undisbursed scholarships of 2018-19, is Rs.213.50 crore till date.

(d) & (e) Under schemes meant for educational empowerment of minority communities, only the scheme Free Coaching & Allied Scheme is being implemented in the country through 130 empanelled coaching institutions/organizations. The detail of these institutions / organizations is available on the website of this Ministry (www.minorityaffairs.gov.in).
