

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 763
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2020**

PRIME MINISTER'S 15 POINT PROGRAMME

763 SHRI P. RAVEENDRANATH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of Hon'ble "Prime Minister's 15 Point Programme" being implemented for the welfare of minorities in the country along with its implementation status in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last six years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Union Government has evaluated the performance of the Programme and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the achievements made under the programme during the said period?

**A N S W E R
MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

- (a) to (c): The Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme (PM's New 15 PP) for the Welfare of Minorities was launched in 2006 with the following broad objectives:
 - (i) Enhancing opportunities for education;
 - (ii) Ensuring an equitable share for minorities in economic activities and employment, through existing and new schemes, enhanced credit support for self-employment, and recruitment to State and Central Government jobs;
 - (iii) Improving the conditions of living of minorities by ensuring an appropriate share for them in infrastructure development schemes; and
 - (iv) Prevention and control of communal disharmony and violence.

Under the said Programme, various schemes/initiatives are implemented by Ministries/Departments of the Central Government throughout the country, including Ministry of Minority Affairs, either exclusively or by earmarking of 15% of overall physical/financial target, wherever feasible, for the welfare of six (6) centrally notified minorities viz. Buddhists, Christians, Jains, Muslims, Parsis, and Sikhs as per details given below:

I. Educational Empowerment

- (i) Scholarship Schemes- Pre-Matric Scholarship, Post-Matric Scholarship and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship.

- (ii) Naya Savera – Free Coaching and Allied Scheme with the aim to enhance skills and knowledge of students and candidates from minority communities to get employment in Government Sector/ Public Sector Undertaking, jobs in private sector, and admission in reputed institutions in technical and professional courses at under-graduate and post-graduate levels.
- (iii) Maulana Azad National Fellowship Scheme, provides financial assistance to students from notified minority communities, to pursue higher education such as M.Phil and Ph.D.
- (iv) In addition, the Maulana Azad Education Foundation implements the following two schemes:
 - (a) Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for meritorious girls belonging to minorities studying in Classes IX to XII.
 - (b) Gharib Nawaz Employment Programme.

II. Economic Empowerment

- (i) National Minorities Development Finance Corporation (NMDFC) Loan Schemes provide concessional loans for self-employment and income generating activities for the socio-economic development of the 'backward sections' amongst the notified minorities.
- (ii) Priority Sector Lending by Banks.(Department of Financial Services)
- (iii) National Urban Livelihoods Mission (M/o Housing & Urban Affairs)
- (iv) National Rural Livelihoods Mission (M/o Rural Development)
- (v) Deen Dayal Upadhyay – Gramin Kaushal Yojana (M/o Rural Development)
- (vi) Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (Gramin)- (M/o Rural Development)

As per the guidelines for implementation of the PM's New 15 PP, review and monitoring of the performance of the schemes is reviewed with the Nodal Officers from all the Ministries/Departments concerned at least once every quarter and to obtain feedback and resolve problems and provide necessary clarifications. Further, the progress of implementation of the Programme is monitored once in six months by a Committee of Secretaries and a report is also required to be submitted to the Union Cabinet.

Besides, evaluation of the schemes covered under the PM's New 15 PP is also carried out by the Ministries/Departments through independent agencies, from time to time.

State-wise achievements (including that of Tamil Nadu) made under the programme are available at the Ministry's website www.minorityaffairs.gov.in
