

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1936

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BENEFICIARY SCHEMES IN LAKSHADWEEP

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various beneficiary schemes/ programmes under the Ministry being run in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep; and
- (b) the success achieved under these schemes/ programmes in the said UT during the last three years and the current year ?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of Minority Affairs implements various programmes/schemes across the country for the welfare and development of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities namely, Buddhists, Christians, Jains, Muslims, Parsis and Sikhs as under:-

- (1) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme, Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme, Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme - For educational empowerment of students, through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.
- (2) Maulana Azad National Fellowship Scheme - Provide fellowships in the form of financial assistance.
- (3) Naya Savera - Free Coaching and Allied Scheme - The Scheme aims to provide free coaching to students/candidates belonging to economically weaker sections of minority communities for preparation of entrance examinations of technical/ professional courses and competitive examinations.

- (4) Padho Pardesh - Scheme of interest subsidy to students of economically weaker sections of minority communities on educational loans for overseas higher studies.
- (5) Nai Udaan - Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), State Public Service Commission (SPSC) and Staff Selection Commission (SSC) etc.
- (6) Nai Roshni - Leadership development of women belonging to minority communities.
- (7) Seekho Aur Kamao - Skill development scheme for youth of 14 - 35 years age group and aiming at improving the employability of existing workers, school dropouts etc.
- (8) Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) - Implemented for the benefit of the people from all sections of the society in identified Areas for development of infrastructure projects with emphasis on education, skill, health sectors etc.
- (9) Jiyo Parsi - Scheme for containing population decline of Parsis in India.
- (10) USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development) - Launched in May 2015 aims to preserve rich heritage of traditional skills of indigenous artisans/craftsmen. Under this scheme Hunnar Haats are also held all over the country to provide nation-wide marketing platform to Minority artisans & entrepreneurs and to create employment opportunities.
- (11) Nai Manzil - A scheme for formal school education & skilling of school dropouts launched in Aug. 2015.
- (12) Hamari Dharohar- A scheme to preserve rich heritage of minority communities of India.
- (13) Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) implements education and employment oriented related programmes as follows (a) Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for Meritorious Girls belonging to the economically weaker sections of Minorities under which scholarship is awarded to minority girl students (b) Gharib Nawaz Employment Scheme started in 2017-18 for providing short term job oriented skill development training to youth. (c) Bridge Course for madarsa students & school dropouts.
- (14) Equity to National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) for providing concessional loans to minorities for self-employment and income generating ventures.

In addition to the above, the Ministry also implements schemes for strengthening State Waqf Boards and coordinates arrangements for annual Haj pilgrimage. Under Quami Waqf Board Taraqqiati Scheme, an amount of Rs. 21.33 lakh has been released to Lakshadweep Waqf Board during last three years. 100% digitization of the records of Waqf Estates has been achieved in the UT.

Details of the schemes and its achievements in the country including Lakshadweep mentioned at serial No (1) to (12) are available on the website of this Ministry (www.minorityaffairs.gov.in) and those at serial No. 13 and 14 are available on the website of MAEF (www.maef.nic.in) and NMDFC (www.nmdfc.org.) respectively.
