

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3701
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2021**

MINORITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN CHHATTISGARH

3701. SHRIMATI GOMATI SAI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has expansion minority development programme in Chhattisgarh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this expansion has been done on the basis of any study; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Minority Affairs has been implementing various programmes/schemes for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities namely Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis, Jains and Muslims across the country including Chhattisgarh. These schemes/programmes in brief are 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 minority communities for qualifying in entrance examinations of technical/ professional courses and Competitive examinations.

(4) Padho Pardesh - Scheme of interest subsidy to students 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 (PSC) 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) earlier known as MsDP - Implemented for the benefit of the people from all sections of the society in identified Minority Concentration Areas for creation of assets in education, skill and health sectors.

The coverage of the scheme has been extended in year 2018 to 1300 MCAs of 308 districts of the Country which includes, 870 Minority Concentration Blocks (MCBs) and

321 Minority Concentration Towers (MCTs) and 109 Minority Concentration District Hqrs. The identified MCAs in Chhattisgarh includes 05 Blocks in District Jashpur.

The expansion of unit area coverage of the scheme is based on the recommendations of an "Impact Assessment Study" conducted by Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) in 2017 and inputs received during meetings with the State Governments/UTs/conference/Seminars etc. The study report of IIPA is available on the website of the Ministry-www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.

The type of projects approved under PMJVK scheme in the State of Chhattisgarh includes:. The projects approved include: - Additional Class Rooms-357, Anganwadi Centres-176, Common Service Centre-05, Drinking Water supply Projects -87, Hostel-15, Market Shed-58, School Building-34, Teaching Aids/Computers-203, Sanitation Projects-68.

(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)

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

(12) Hamari Dharohar- A scheme to preserve rich heritage of minority communities of India under the overall concept of Indian culture.

(13) Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) implements education and skill related schemes as follows:- (a) Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for Meritorious Girls belonging to the economically weaker sections of Minorities (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.

The details of the schemes (S. No.1 to 12) mentioned above and status of their implementation 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.
