

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4840
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2021**

SCHEME FOR MINORITY WOMEN

4840. SHRI KUNWAR DANISH ALI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any scheme for improving socio-economic conditions of minority women including development of their skill and leadership in the country especially in Uttar Pradesh.
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the success achieved as a result thereof in meeting the requisite target.
- (c) the financial assistance provided by the Government for the purpose; and
- (d) the steps taken /being taken by the Government for effective implementation of various schemes for improving the condition of minority women in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Government is implementing various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every section of the society including minority women especially economically weaker & downtrodden sections all over the country with schemes like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojana, Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), One Stop Centre Scheme, Women Helpline Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM KISAN), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) etc.

Ministry of Minority Affairs also implements a scheme "Nai Roshni"- the scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women with an aim to empower and instill confidence in women by providing knowledge, tool and techniques for interacting with Government system, banks and intermediaries at all levels. It is a short term training programme for sensitization of women with special emphasis on identification of those women who are willing and can be further trained under any short duration training for Economic empowerment besides general handholding so that they could get sustainable economic livelihood opportunities through suitable wage employment or self-employment / micro-enterprises, which includes programme for Handicapped Women. The Training modules

cover issues relating to women viz. Leadership of Women through participation in decision making, Educational Programmes for women, Health and Hygiene, Legal rights of women, Financial Literacy, Digital Literacy, Swachh Bharat, Life Skills, and Advocacy for Social and Behavioural change Scheme specific other detailed Information is available on <http://nairoshni-moma.gov.in>. Since inception of the Scheme, more than 4 lakh women have been benefitted with a cost of Rs.101.77 crore under this Scheme including 2,15,275 beneficiaries from the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Besides, Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) under M/o Minority Affairs also implements Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship scheme for meritorious minority girls studying in classes 9th to 12th. Since 2014-15, scholarships to 7.36 lakh minority girls have been sanctioned/released.

In addition to above, this Ministry also implements various schemes for educational empowerment, economic empowerment, skill development of persons belonging to six notified minority communities under which minimum 30% seats are earmarked for female candidates. Under educational empowerment schemes approx. 4.50 crore beneficiaries benefitted since 2014-15 out of which number of female beneficiaries is more than 50%.

Further, Ministry of Minority Affairs implements the scheme Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) in 1300 identified Minority Concentration Areas (MCAs) of the country with the objective of developing socio-economic assets and basic amenities for improving quality of life of the people living in these areas. The priority sectors under PMJVK are education, health, skill development and women centric projects. The scheme is according priority to the projects intending to create facilities for women by earmarking 33-40% resources for such projects. The ministry w.e.f 2014-15 has sanctioned girls schools-82, girls hostels-302, girls residential schools-36, girls colleges-12, ITIs for women-06, working women hostels-22 etc.

The total funds released during the last three years under various schemes under Ministry benefitting women of six notified minority communities are given at **Annexure**. Ministry of Minority Affairs implements various schemes exclusively for women or having more than 50% women beneficiaries or minimum 30% earmarked for women.

Schemes of the Ministry of Minority Affairs are being implemented through various portals including National Scholarship Portal. Since 2015, the schemes are being implemented under direct benefit transfer (DBT) mode to improve the efficiency by removing duplicity and stopping possible pilferages.

**Annexure referred in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question
No. 4840 for answer on 25.03.2021 raised by Shri Kunwar Danish Ali**

Details of Funds Released/ Utilised since 2018-19 to 2020-21(28.02.2021) under various schemes		
S.No.	Schemes	Amount released/utilised (Rs. in crores)
1	Pre-Matric Scholarship	2714.01
2	Post-Matric Scholarship	915.17
3	Merit-cum-Means	652.54
4	Maulana Azad National Fellowship	256.35
5	Interest subsidy on educational loans on overseas studies	69.40
6	Free Coaching and Allied schemes	67.95
7	Skill Development Initiative	520.81
8	USTTAD (Hunar Haat)	109.81
9	Nai Manzil (skill to 8th to 10th)	167.25
10	Leadership development of Minority Women	26.41
11	Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakaram	3720.91
12	Maulana Azad Education Foundation -	110.00