

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2778
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2021**

SCHEMES FOR UPLIFTMENT OF MINORITIES

**2778. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SONI:
SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes launched for upliftment of minorities during the last three years and the budget allocated for the same along with the details thereof;
- (b) whether scholarships have been provided to minorities during the last three years;
- (c) if so, the budget allocated and the details of beneficiaries, State-wise including Chhattisgarh;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to increase this amount in the current financial year and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, whether this increase is proposed in proportion to the increase in population and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a): The Government has implemented various schemes during the last three years for the welfare and upliftment of every section of the society including minorities especially economically weaker & downtrodden sections all over the country with schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM KISAN), Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), Pradhan Mantri AwasYojana (PMAY), Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojana, etc.

Ministry of Minority Affairs also implements programmes/ schemes for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities namely Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains. These schemes/programmes implemented by the Ministry during last three years 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/ medical professional courses and various 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 providing employment and employment opportunities, improving the employability of existing workers, school dropouts etc.

(8) Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) – Being implemented to provide basic infrastructure such as Schools, Colleges, ITIs, Polytechnics, Hostels, Sadbhav Mandaps, Skill Development Centres, Drinking water and Sanitation facilities, Primary Health Centres etc. in deprived areas of the Country.

(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). Hunar Haats are being organised across the country to provide employment opportunities and markets to artisans/craftsmen.

(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 Self 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.

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.

During the last 7 years, achievements made under the major Schemes of the Ministry are given as under:

(i) More than 4.52 crore beneficiaries have been provided different scholarships through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) and Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) out of which more than 53% beneficiaries are female.

(ii) 69,544 candidates have been benefitted under the Naya Savera scheme and 3.92 lakh persons have been benefitted under employment oriented scheme 'Seekho aur Kamao'

(iii) Under USTTAD Scheme, Ministry has organised 28 “Hunar Haats” in which more than 5.5 lakhs artisans and people associated with them have been provided employment and employment opportunities, out of which more than 50% beneficiaries are women.

(iv) Under the “Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karykram” (PMJVK) more than 43 thousand basic infrastructure projects have been created such as Schools, Colleges, Hostels, Community Centres, Common Service Centres, ITIs, Polytechnics, Girls Hostels, Sadbhav Mandaps, Hunar Hubs etc in backward Minority concentrated areas across the country.

During last three years i.e 2018-19 to 2020-21, funds to the tune of Rs. 14429 crores was allocated in the Budget for this Ministry. The details of budget allocated is available on the website of this Ministry (www.minorityaffairs.gov.in)

(b) & (c): State/UT wise number of scholarships sanctioned during the last three years under various scholarship schemes including Chhattisgarh state, is at Annexure. No state-wise fund allocation is made under these schemes.

(d) & (e): The scholarship schemes are continuing as per the existing guidelines.

Annexure referred in reply to parts (b) & (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2778 for 05.08.2021

State/UT-wise details of Scholarship sanctioned during the last three years i.e. 2018-19 to 2020-21		
S. No.	States/UTs	Number of Scholarship sanctioned
1	Andhra Pradesh	503541
2	Telangana	545797
3	Assam	785310
4	Bihar	826909
5	Chhattisgarh	22576
6	Goa	2630
7	Gujarat	468516
8	Haryana	41778
9	Himachal Pradesh	7190
10	Jammu & Kashmir	1346483
11	Jharkhand	192458
12	Karnataka	1736186
13	Kerala	2160475
14	Ladakh	16250
15	Madhya Pradesh	450830
16	Maharashtra	2369230
17	Manipur	123099
18	Meghalaya	54920
19	Mizoram	153414
20	Nagaland	169217
21	Odisha	52641
22	Punjab	1487991
23	Rajasthan	548423
24	Sikkim	1516
25	Tamil Nadu	1237697
26	Tripura	16389
27	Uttar Pradesh	2608329
28	Uttarakhand	88214
29	West Bengal	1419702
30	Andaman & Nicobar	3248
31	Chandigarh	4901
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	966
33	Delhi	22501
34	Puducherry	11568