

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 479
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2021

SCHEMES FOR THE WELFARE OF THE MINORITIES

479. SHRIMATI NUSRAT JAHAN RUHI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the various schemes under implementation for the welfare of the minorities in the country during the last two years;
- (b) the funds allocated/ utilised under the said schemes and the number of families/ persons benefited by these schemes during each of the last two years and the current year; scheme and State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether a number of States have failed to pass on the benefits of welfare schemes to the minorities particularly to the muslims in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the effective measures taken by the Government to ensure that the benefits of the schemes implemented for minorities actually reach the intended beneficiaries?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

- (a) The Government is implementing various schemes 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 UjjwalaYojana (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 two 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 Mandap, 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 Haat 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 beneficiaries have been trained/ allocated under the Seekho aur Kamao scheme.

(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, Sadbhavana Mandap, Hunar Hub etc in backward Minority concentrated areas across the country.

(b): No state-wise allocation of funds is made in the Budget of this Ministry. Scheme-wise details of the funds released/utilised to meet the scheme objectives and number of beneficiaries under various schemes during the last two years and current year i.e 2019-20 to 2021-22 (till 30.06.2021) is at **Annexure**.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): In order to ensure that the benefits of the schemes implemented for minorities actually reach the intended beneficiaries, the scholarship amount/financial assistance under various schemes of the Ministry is released directly into the account of beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode. PIAs who implement the welfare schemes of this Ministry are also required to pay the stipend amount directly into the account of the beneficiaries through PFMS.

Annexure

Annexure referred in reply to Part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 479 for answer on 22.07.2021

S.No.	Schemes	Expenditure (Rs. in Crores)*	No of Beneficiaries*
1	Pre-Matric Scholarship	2670.75	10614317
2	Post-Matric Scholarship	942.21	1391274
3	Merit-cum-Means	700.09	235973
4	Maulana Azad National Fellowship	203.50	1726
5	Interest subsidy on educational loans on overseas studies	34.62	8013
6	Free Coaching and Allied schemes	32.41	14880
7	Support for students clearing Prelims-	12.17	2371
8	Skill Development Initiative	371.06	99100
9	USTTAD (Hunar Haat)	113.07	6930 (17 Hunaar Haats organized)
10	Nai Manzil	99.79	Education Certificate issued: 18736 Skill Certified: 24324 Placed: 3913
11	Equity of NMDFC	270.00	308361
12	Leadership development of Minority Women	13.31	40300
13	Maulana Azad Education Foundation -	108.42	545550
14	Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karykram	2963.79	The projects under PMJVK are community assets

* Figures are provisional