

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 657
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2021**

Assistance to Minority Communities

†657. **KUNWAR DANISH ALI:**

Will the Minister of **MINORITY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the communities included in the list of Minority Communities;
- (b) the community-wise population thereof;
- (c) whether the Government provides any assistance for the conservation and development of their culture along with the education of the said communities; and
- (d) if so, the amount of assistance provided during the last three years, community-wise

A N S W E R

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

- (a) & (b) As per Section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) Act, 1992, six communities namely Christians, Sikhs, Muslims, Buddhists, Jains and Parsis have been notified as minority communities. As per Census 2011, the population of the country includes 2,08,33,116 persons of Christian community, 2,78,19,588 persons of Sikh community, 17,22,45,158 persons of Muslim community, 84,42,972 person of Buddhist community and 44,51,753 persons of Jain community.
- (c) & (d): The Ministry of Minority Affairs also implements programmes/ schemes for socio-economic and educational empowerment of notified minority communities which includes (a). Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme, Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme, Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme, (b) Maulana Azad National Fellowship Scheme, (c) Naya Savera - Free Coaching and Allied Scheme, (d). Padho Pardesh - Scheme of interest subsidy to students of minority communities on educational loans for overseas higher studies, (e) Nai Udaan - Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), State Public Service Commission (PSC) Staff Selection Commission (SSC) etc. (f) Jiyo Parsi - Scheme for containing population decline of Parsis in India, (g) USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development), (h) Hamari Dharohar- A scheme to preserve rich heritage of minority communities of India under the overall concept of Indian culture. Besides that the Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) also implements education and skill related schemes namely (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. The scheme in which community-wise beneficiary details are available i.e. scholarships, fellowships, interest subsidies financial assistance for clearing Preliminary Examinations(Nai Udaan) etc. released/sanctioned during the last three years i.e. 2018-19 to 2020-21 are enclosed at Annexure. The further details of schemes and other initiative of the Ministry is available at www.minorityaffairs.gov.in

Annexure referred in the reply to part (c) & (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.657 asked by Shri Kunwar Danish Ali to be answered on 22.07.2021 regarding "Assistance to Minority Communities"

(In Rs. Crore)

S.No.	Scheme	Funds Released
1	Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme	3826.57
2	Post Matric Scholarship Scheme	1296.47
3	Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme	943.14
4	Maulana Azad National Fellowship Scheme	271.35
5	Padho Pardesh Scheme	79.63
6	Nai Udaan	18.9

Total Scholarships sanctioned	Buddhist	Christian	Jain	Muslim	Sikh	Parsi
Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme						
16306171	510672	1948543	183391	12318535	1342754	2276
Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme						
2075539	12896	262131	43419	1575034	181621	438
Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme						
353744	1025	61245	9849	272085	9507	33
Maulana Azad National Fellowship Scheme						
2251	112	285	74	1568	207	5
Padho Pardesh Scheme						
10508	183	5904	1065	2612	725	19
Nai Udaan						
3553	199	593	311	2402	48	-