PROJECTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MINORITIES

747. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of works undertaken by the Government for the development of minorities; and

(b) the status and the details of works under which assistance has been provided to minority communities in Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts during the last five years?

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(a) The Government is implementing various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every section of the society including minorities specially economically weaker and down trodden 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 Awas Yojana (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 Sikhs, Budhists, Christians, Parsis, Muslims and Jains through its Educational Empowerment schemes, Skill Development schemes and Infrastructure Development schemes.

Under Infrastructure Development, the Ministry implements Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme and is now implemented in 1300 identified Minority Concentration Areas (MCAs) of the country with the objective to develop socio-economic assets and basis amenities in these areas. The areas covered under PMJVK have been increased from 90 Districts originally to 308 Districts in 33 States/ UTs. The MCAs include 109 Minority Concentration District Headquarters (MCD Hqrs) added for the first time,

870 Minority Concentration Blocks (MCBs) and 321 Minority Concentration Towns (MCTs). The MCAs have been identified on the basis of concentration of minority population, and backwardness in terms of socio-economic or basic amenity parameters as compared to national average.

Since 2014-15, under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram, an amount of Rs. 70565 lakh (till 30.11.2021) has been spent for various projects which include 42 Degree Colleges, 177 Residential Schools, 1552 School Buildings, 23,464 Additional Class Rooms/ACR Blocks, 14,312 Teaching Aid & Smart Classes, 681 Hostels, 23 Working Women Hostels, 97 ITI Buildings, 13 Polytechnics, 19 Skill Centres, 2049 Health Centres & Other Health Projects, 1 Unani Medical College, 18630 Drinking Water Supply Projects, 6041 Anganwadi Centres, 409 Sadhbhav Mandaps, 167 Common Service Centres, 574 Market Sheds, 9 Hunar Hubs, 5455 Sanitation–Toilet projects, 76 Sports Facilities, etc have been approved/ constructed in Minority Concentrated Areas. All sections of the society, living in these areas benefit from these infrastructure projects.

(b) The Ministry has, since inception of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) Scheme, approved the various projects amounting to Rs. 445338 lakh in West Bengal, which include 18833-Additional Class Rooms (ACRs), 107- ACR Blocks, 234-School Buildings, 14790- Anganwadi Centres, 170005- Cybergram, 5000- Solar Lanterns, 21665 Drinking Water Projects, 1314 Health related projects, 340-Hostels, 73519- Houses under Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), 37-ITI Buildings, 188 – Market Shed, 08-Polytechnics, 151-Sadbhav Mandaps, 3578-Toilets, 479-Teaching Aid and Smart Class Rooms, 01-Working Women Hostel, 59490-Skill Training and 04-Skill Centres, etc.

During the last five years, the Ministry under PMJVK scheme approved various projects amounting to Rs.2691.01 lakh in Darjeeling District which include 63 Additional Class Rooms, 89 Anganwadi Centres, 5 Hostels, 7 Sadbhav Mandap and 1 Working Women Hostel. The Ministry has also approved various project amounting to Rs.837.72 lakh in Kalimpong District, which include 4 Health Related Projects, 2 Hostels and 1 School Building.

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